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THIS WAS HIS PLACE...
HE'D COME HERE TO BE
ALONE AMONG HIS...
VICTIMS. HE WAS
A MONSTER...

BUT ONAAN
WAS STILL MY
BROTHER.



I'M
SORRY
THAT HE
DIED...



LIES!

YOU KNEW
HE WAS IN
DANGER AND
YOU DID
NOTHING!

YOU
DON'T CARE
ABOUT ANY
OF US!



WE'RE
JUST
SOLIDERS
TO YOU--
FODDER
FOR YOUR
GLORY!

BOLD
WORDS,
CHILD.

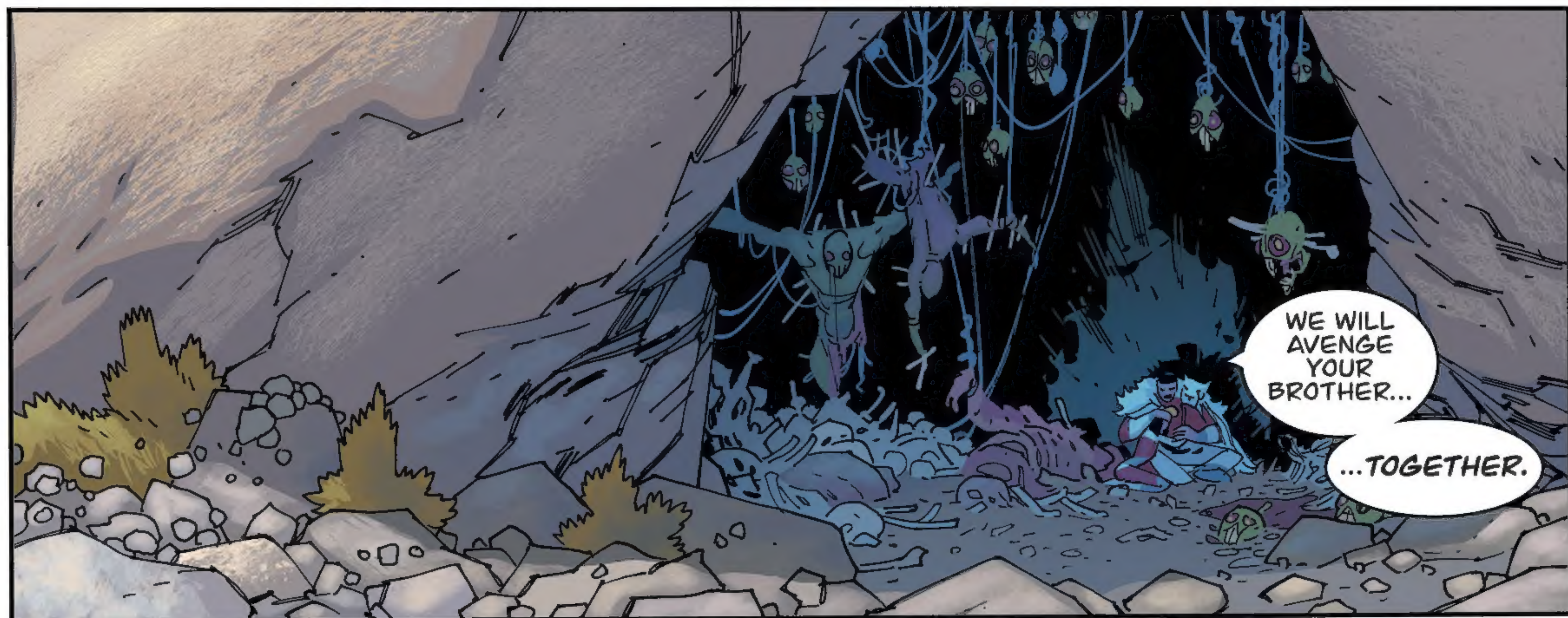
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BE MORE
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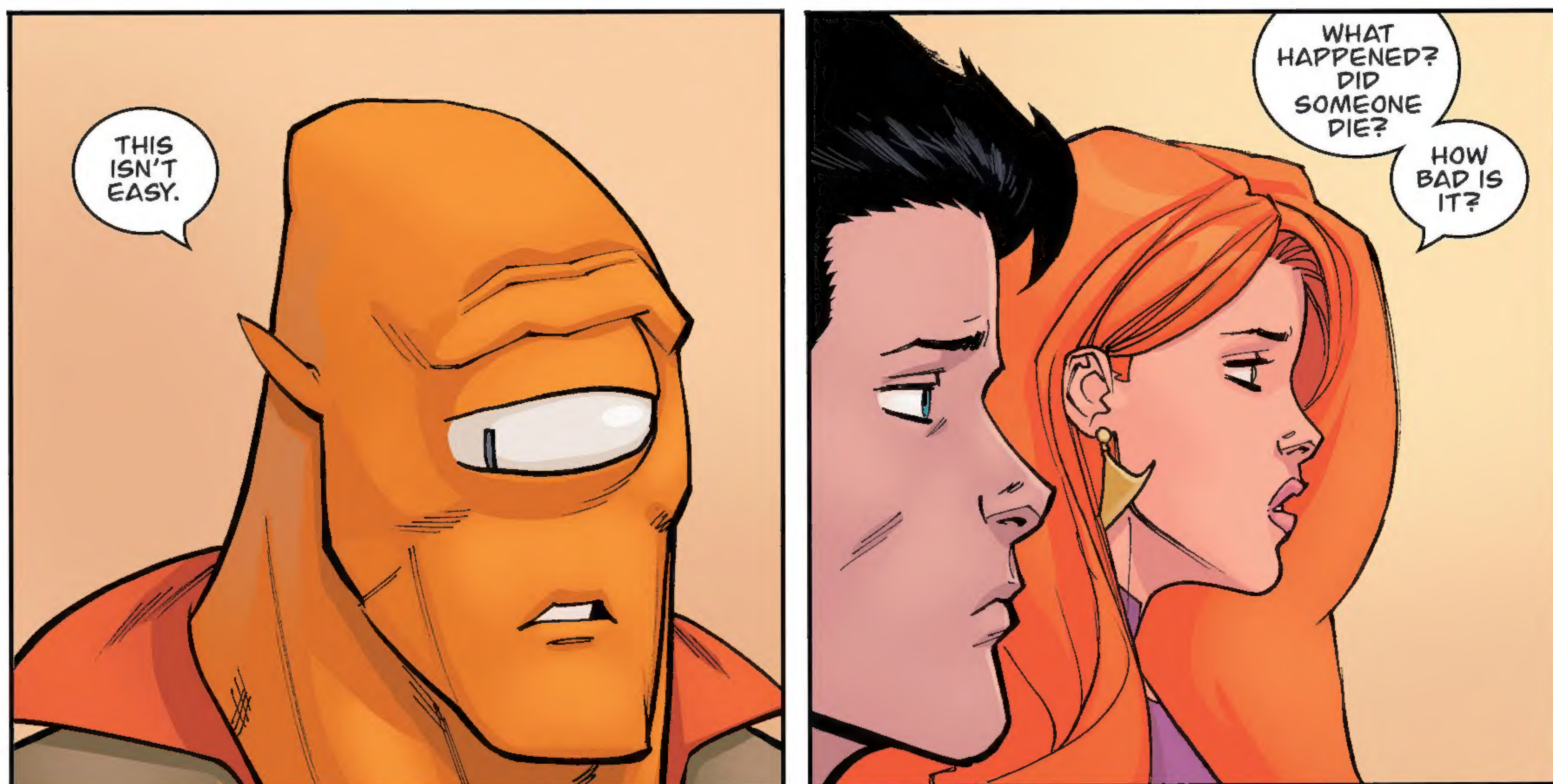
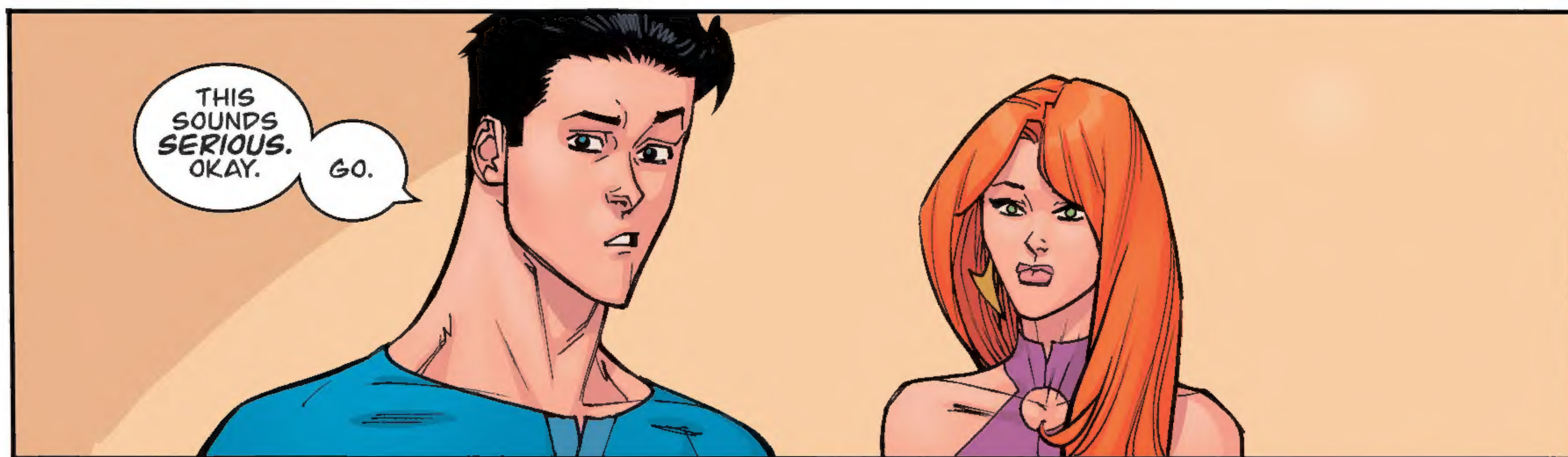


THERE
HASN'T BEEN
A DOCUMENTED
CASE OF TWINS IN
THE VILTRUMITE
RACE SINCE THE
SCOURGE VIRUS
DECIMATED OUR
POPULATION.

YOU
AND YOUR
BROTHER
WERE VERY
SPECIAL
TO ME.

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REALLY?





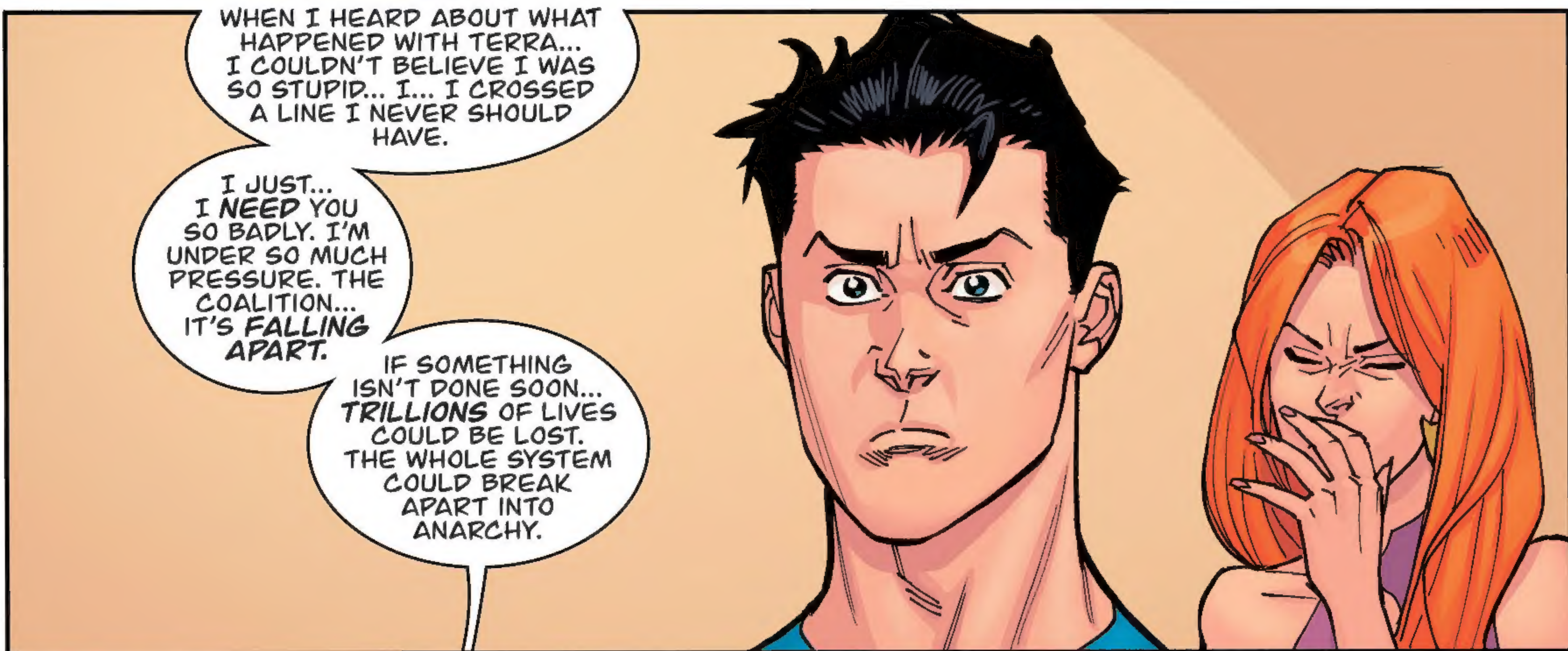


I **BETRAYED** YOU. I CAN'T KEEP THAT FROM YOU. OLIVER'S DEATH... YOU WERE RIGHT. IT... IT **IS** MY FAULT. I KNEW THRAGG WOULD COME AFTER YOU... I KNEW OLIVER WOULDN'T ALLOW THAT.

I MADE SURE THRAGG KNEW WHERE YOU WERE.

I THOUGHT YOU'D ESCAPE... AND EVERYONE WOULD BE FINE... AND YOU DID... BUT OLIVER...

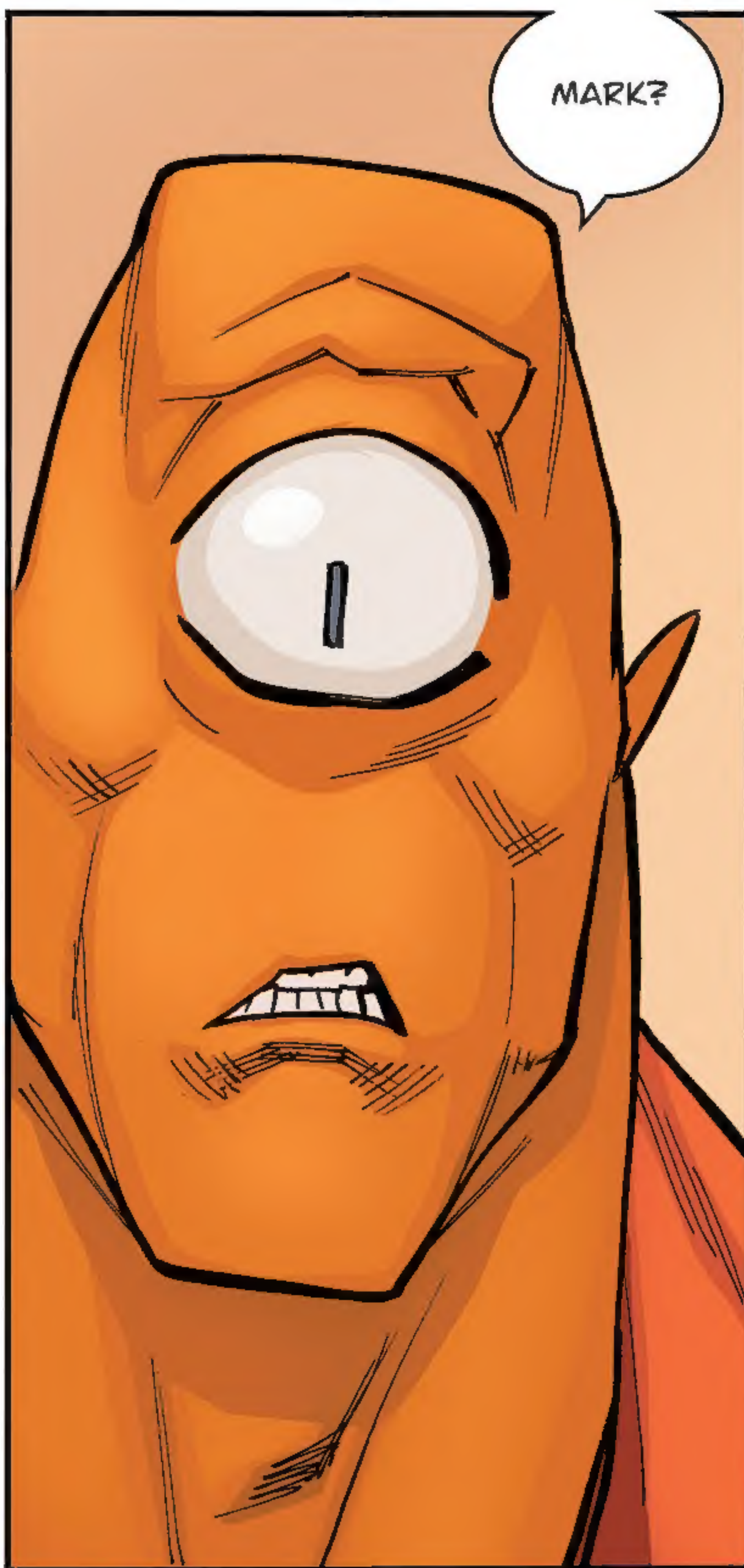
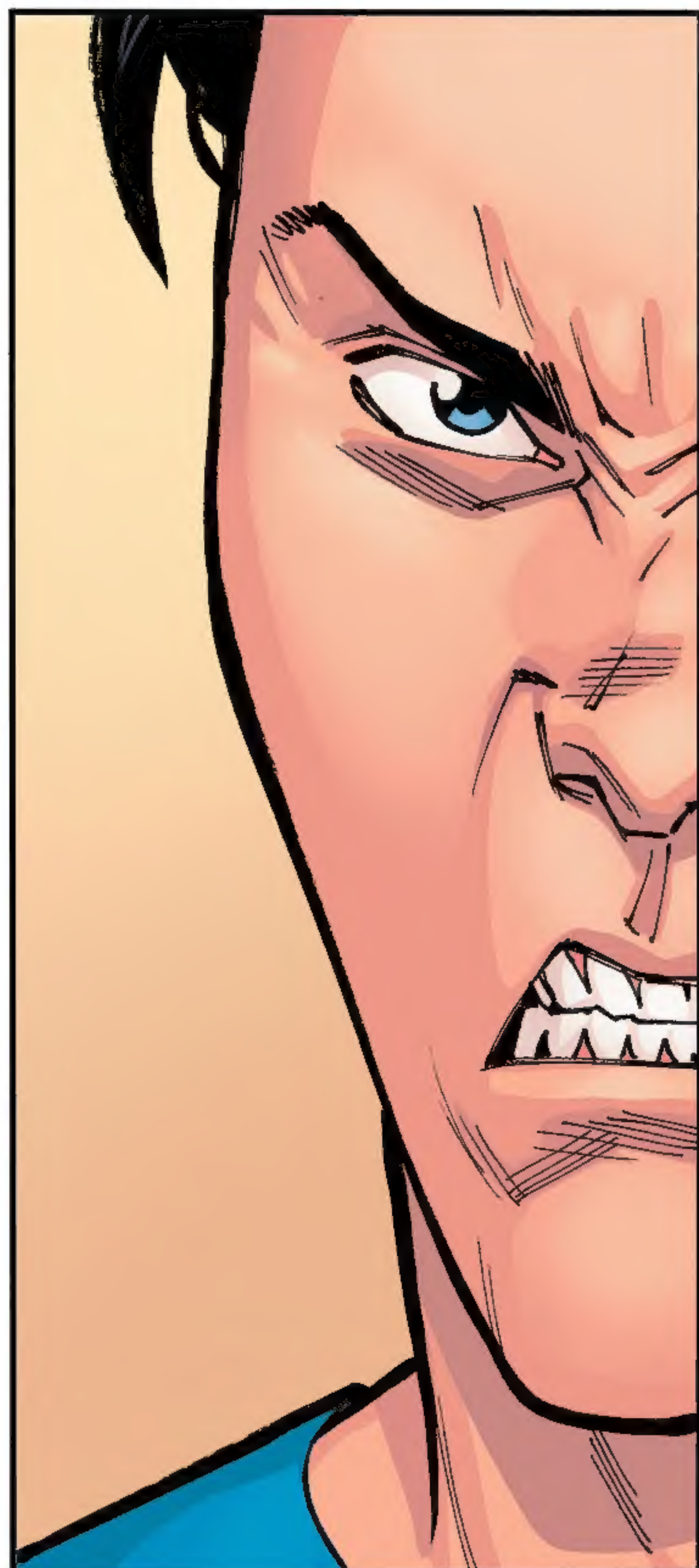
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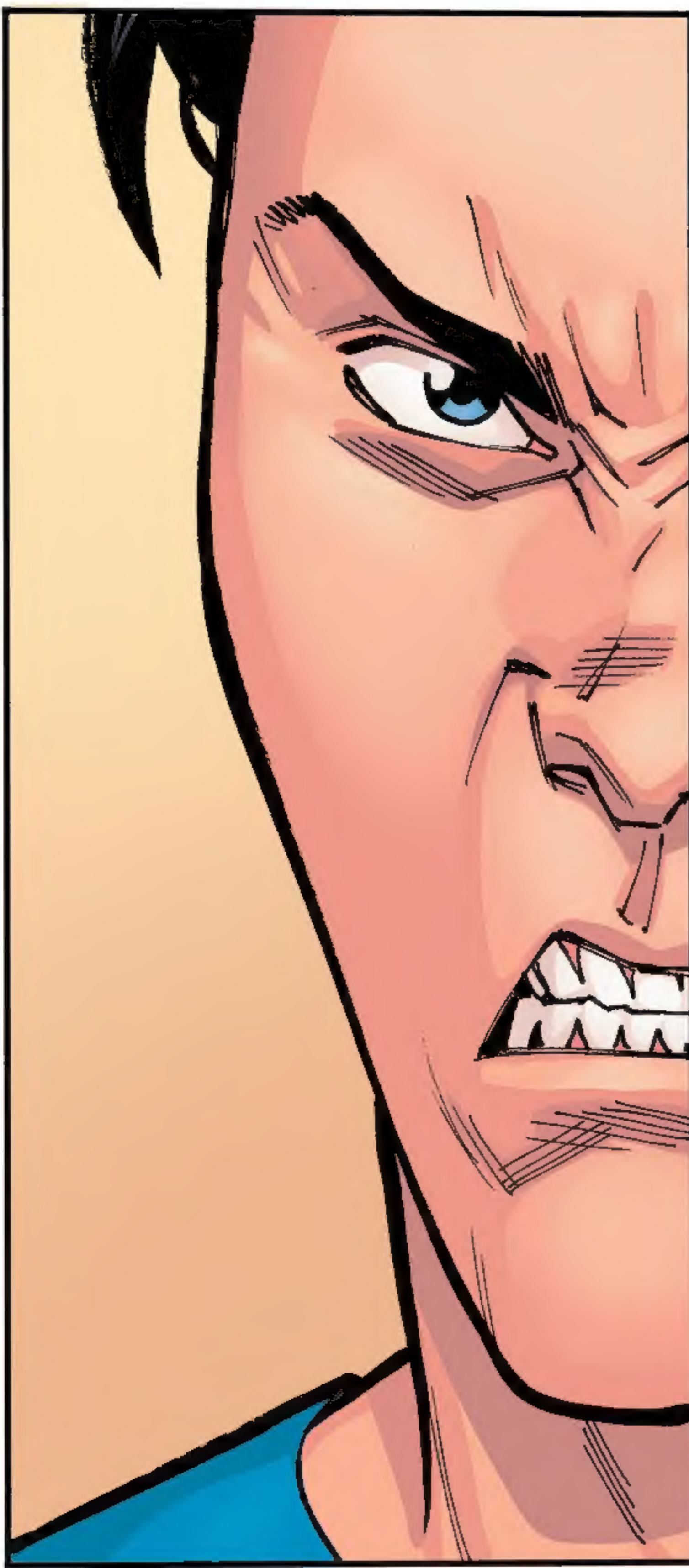
WHEN I HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WITH TERRA... I COULDN'T BELIEVE I WAS SO STUPID... I... I CROSSED A LINE I NEVER SHOULD HAVE.

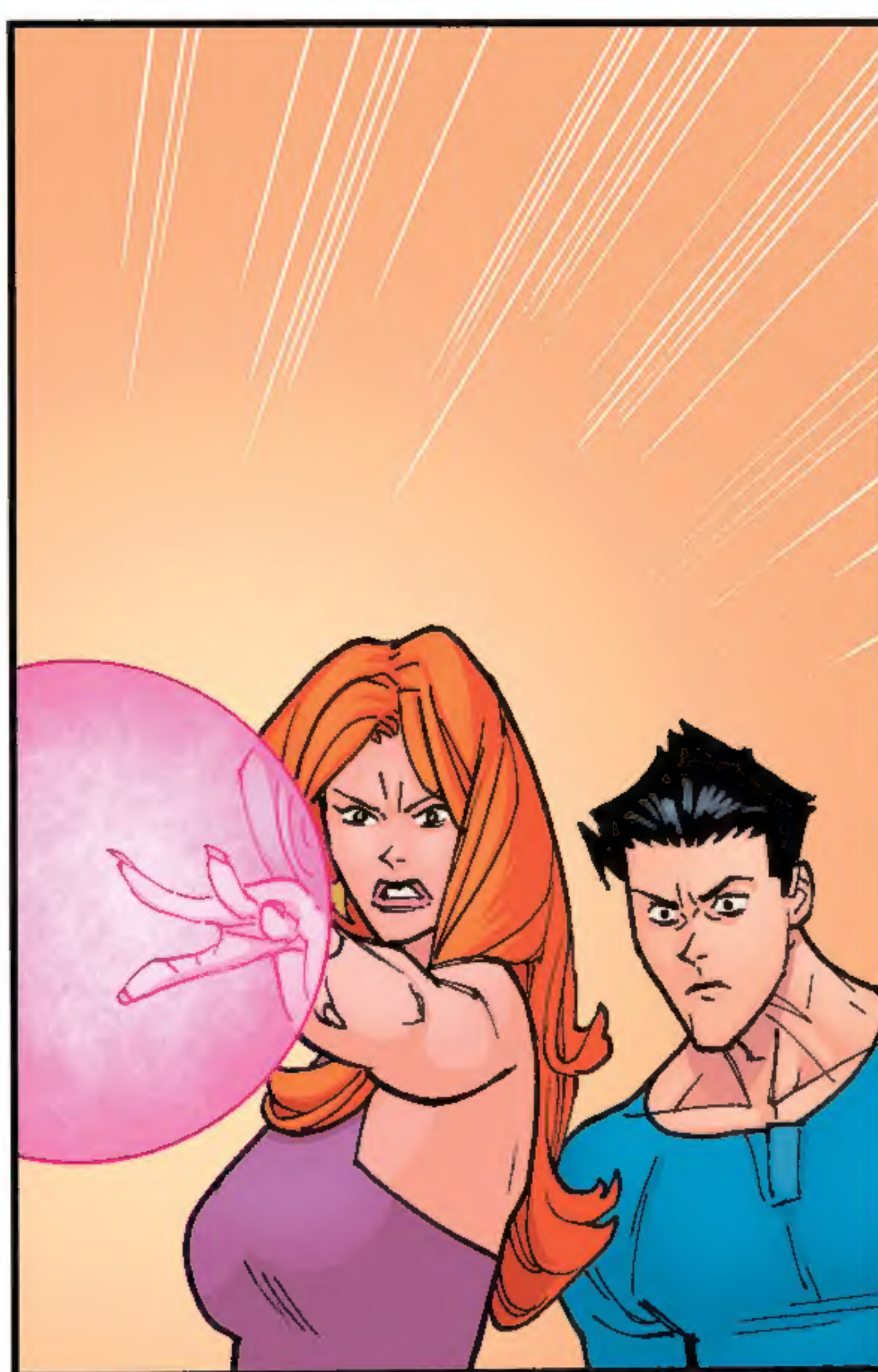
I JUST... I **NEED** YOU SO BADLY. I'M UNDER SO MUCH PRESSURE. THE COALITION... IT'S **FALLING APART**.

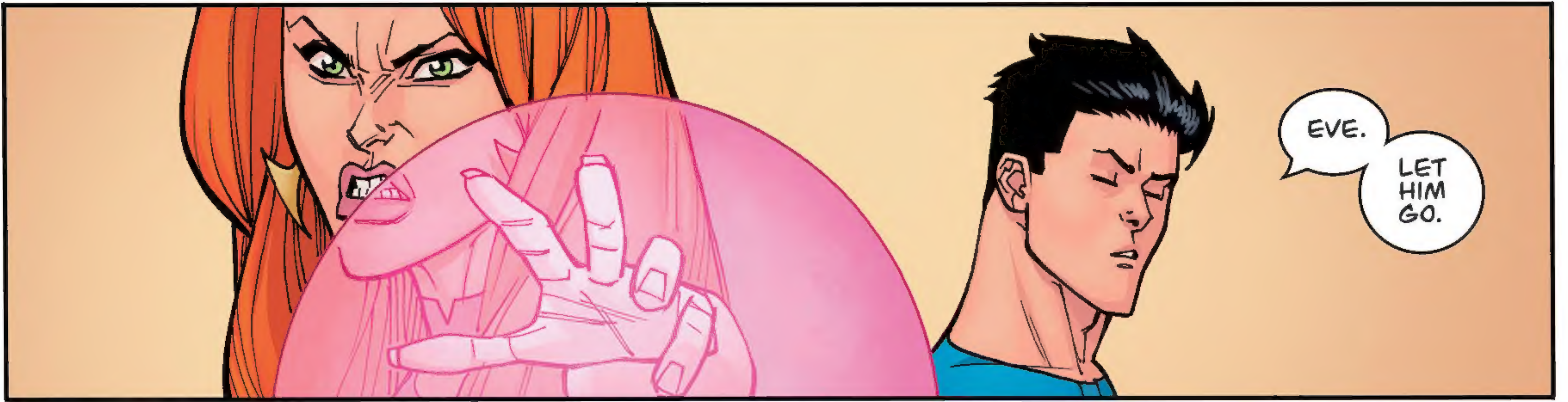
IF SOMETHING ISN'T DONE SOON... **TRILLIONS** OF LIVES COULD BE LOST. THE WHOLE SYSTEM COULD BREAK APART INTO ANARCHY.



MARK?







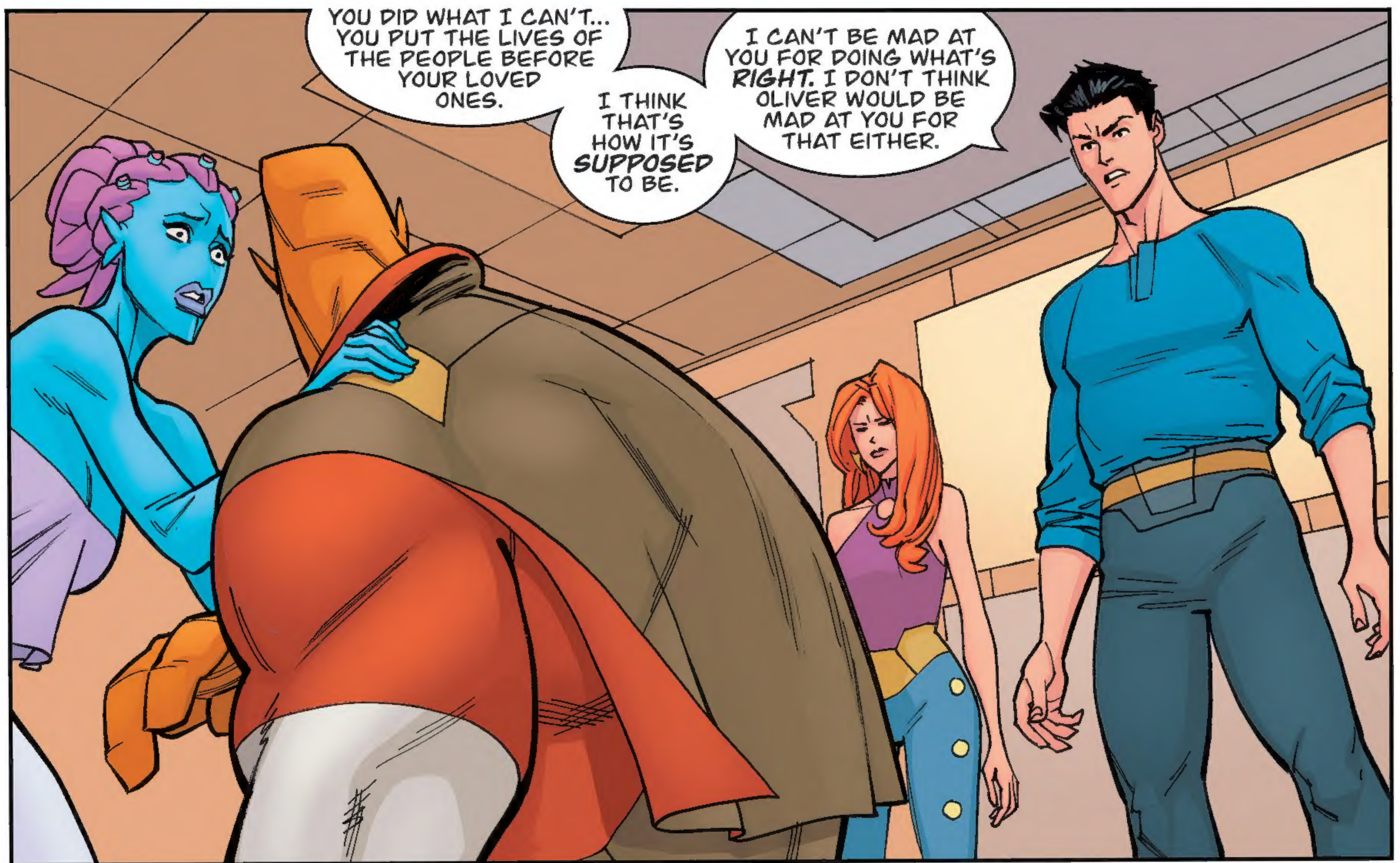
EVE.
LET HIM GO.



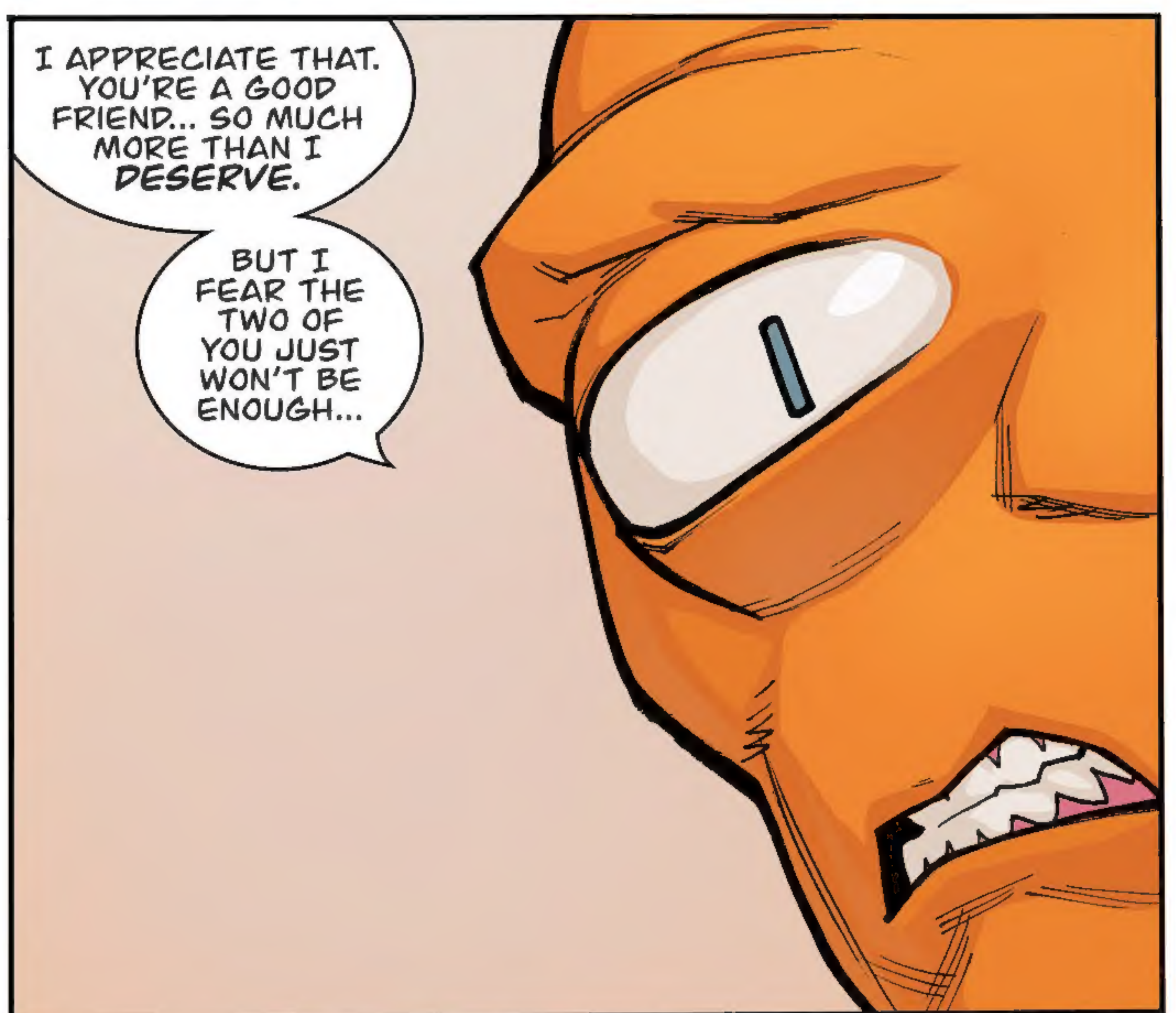
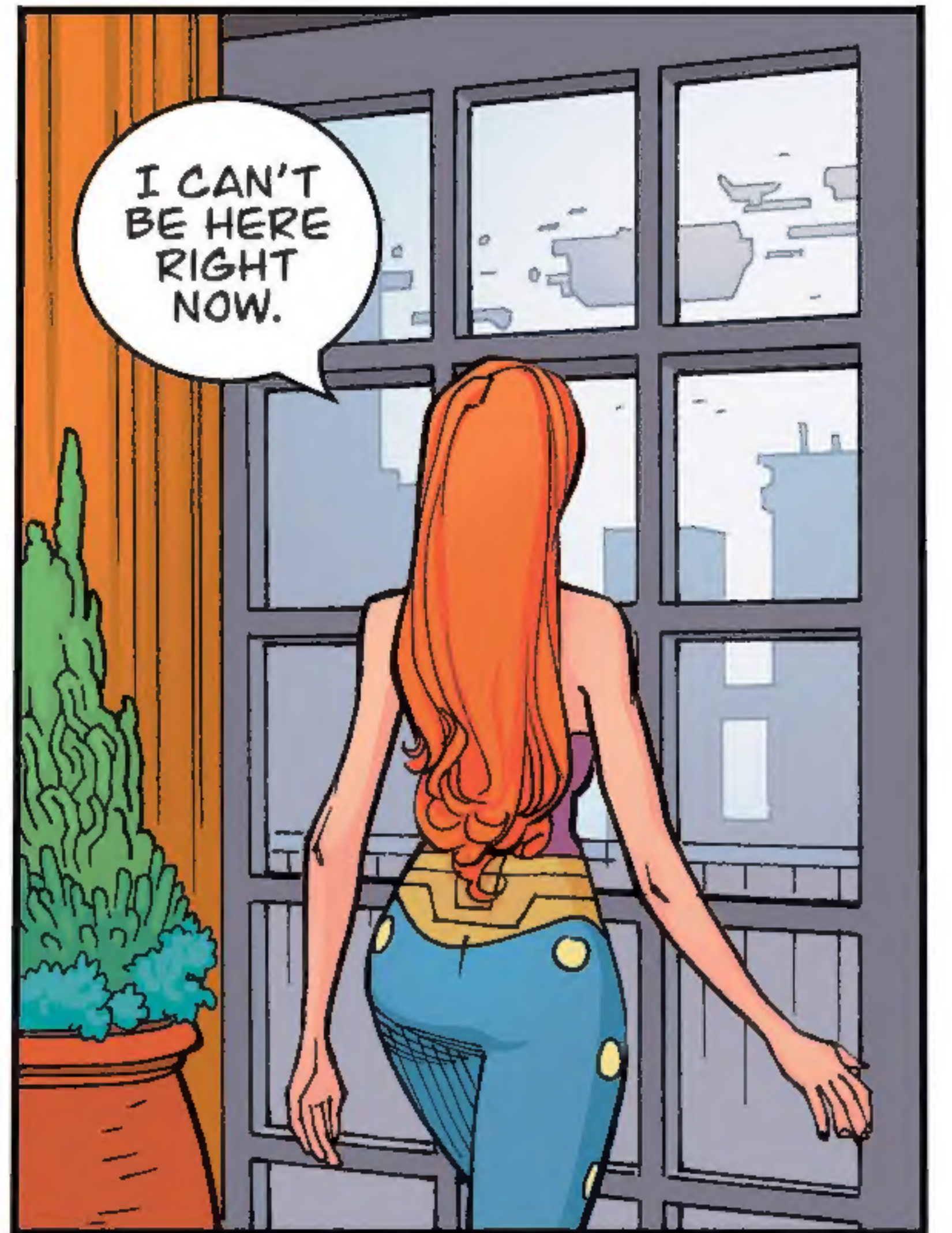
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--SO SORRY.

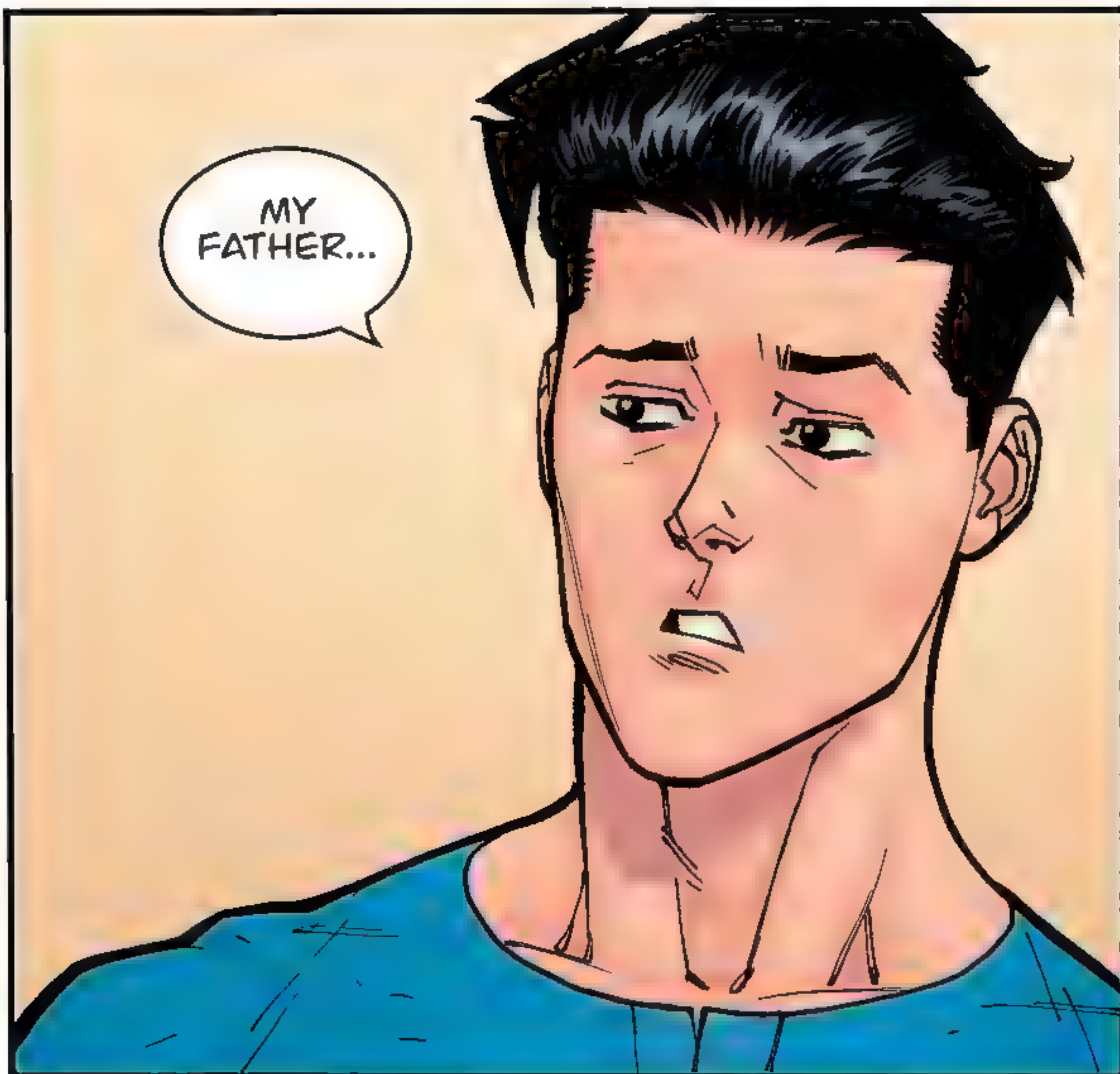


I HAVE SO MUCH WEIGHT ON MY SHOULDERS. I JUST... I COULDN'T SEE ANY OTHER WAY.
I HAD NO OTHER OPTIONS.



YOU DID WHAT I CAN'T... YOU PUT THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE BEFORE YOUR LOVED ONES.
I THINK THAT'S HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE.
I CAN'T BE MAD AT YOU FOR DOING WHAT'S RIGHT. I DON'T THINK OLIVER WOULD BE MAD AT YOU FOR THAT EITHER.





MY FATHER...



I'VE MADE MANY ATTEMPTS TO BRING HIM IN. OLIVER WAS ALSO UNABLE TO CONVINCE HIM.

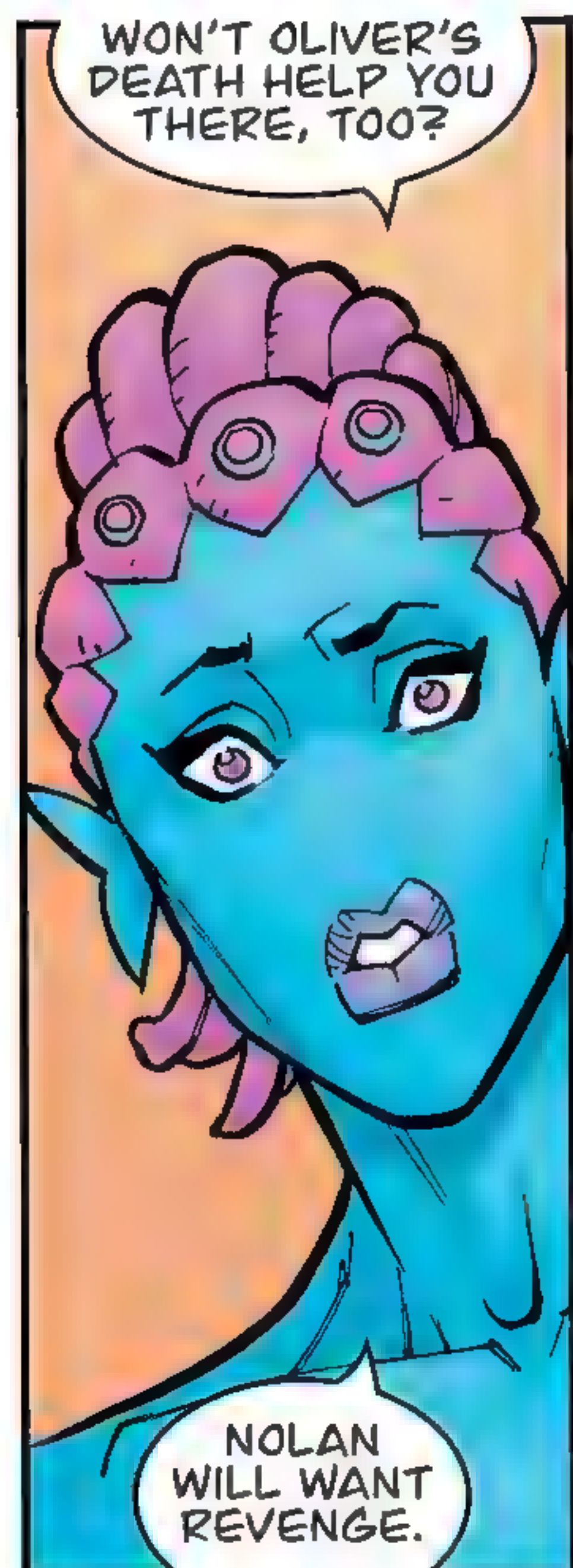


THRAGG'S FORCES HAVE GROWN STRONG... AT THIS POINT THEY EVEN OUTNUMBER THE VILTRUMITE FORCES WE FACED IN THE VILTRUMITE WAR.

THINGS ARE DIRE.

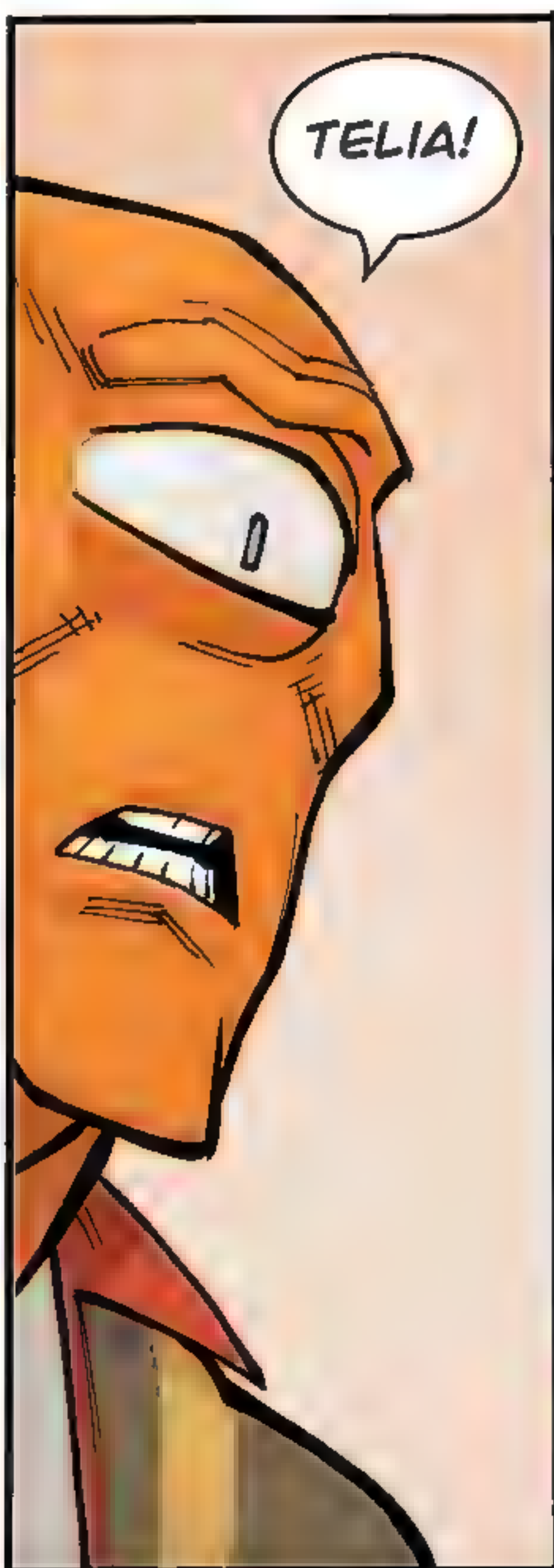
IF NOLAN AND THE REMAINING VILTRUMITES UNDER HIS RULE DON'T HELP US...

I DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN SUCCEED.



WON'T OLIVER'S DEATH HELP YOU THERE, TOO?

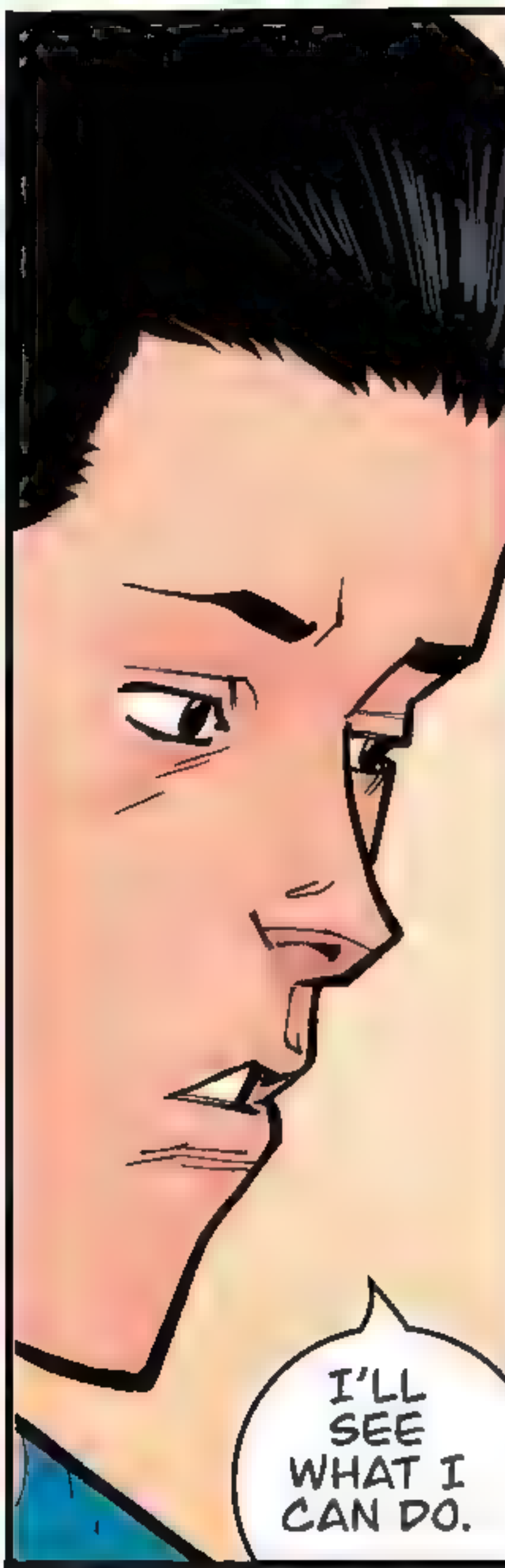
NOLAN WILL WANT REVENGE.



TELIA!



I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY.



I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.





THERE IS TOO MUCH AT STAKE NOT TO ACT! OLIVER IS DEAD! YOU THINK THRAGG STOPS THERE?! YOU THINK HE'S NOT COMING AFTER YOU ONCE HIS FORCES ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT YOU?!

THIS COULD BE OUR LAST CHANCE TO PUT A STOP TO THRAGG'S PLANS.

OUR LAST CHANCE TO AVENGE OLIVER'S DEATH.



I CAN'T PUT THE FUTURE OF OUR PEOPLE AT RISK...



WHAT ABOUT THRAGG'S ARMY?! ARE THOSE NOT OUR PEOPLE?! ARE THEY NOT VILTRUMITES?!

THEY'RE BEING CONTROLLED BY A TYRANT!

LIBERATE THEM! THEY WILL BRING US BACK FROM THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION IMMEDIATELY.



YOU KNOW IT'S NOT THAT EASY.

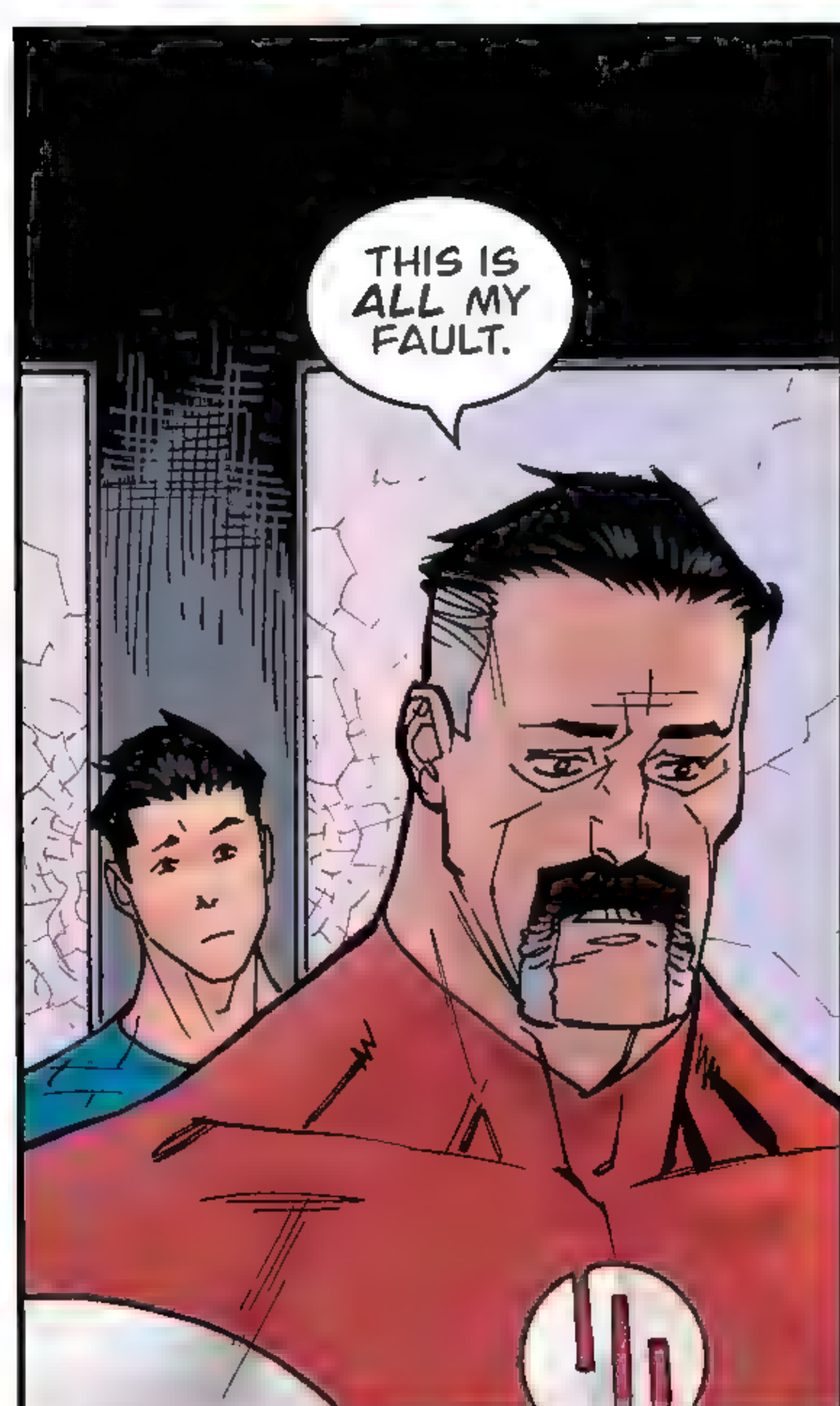


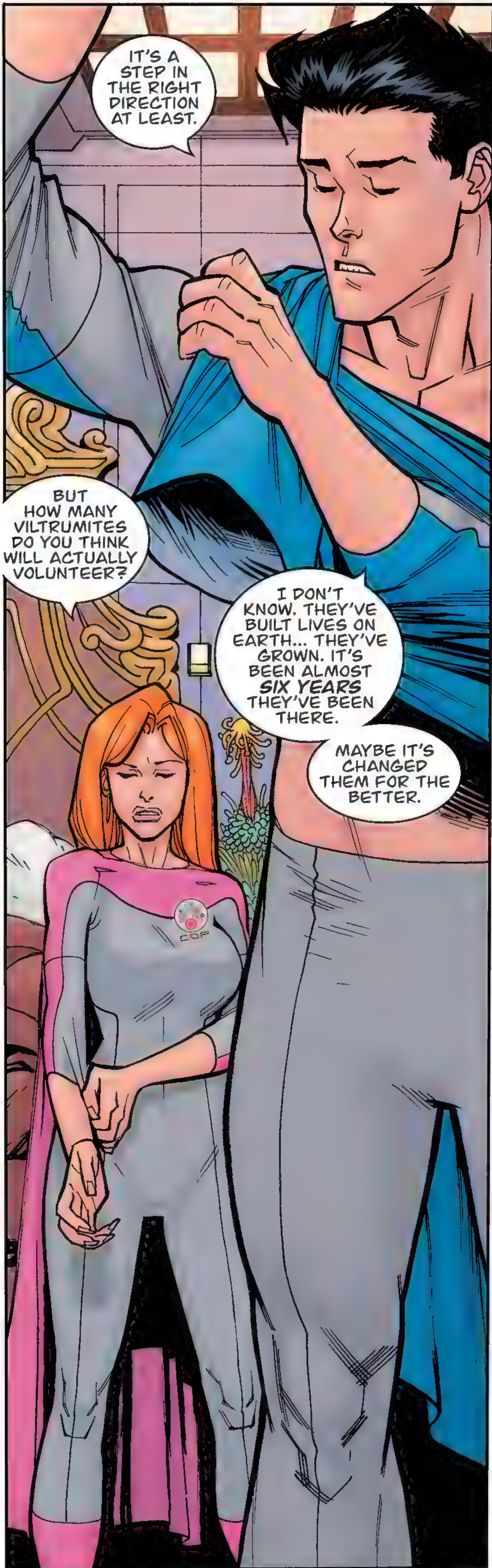
IT'S NOT! AND IT'S GETTING HARDER EVERY MINUTE WE WASTE ARGUING ABOUT THIS. IT'S DO OR DIE TIME!

IT'S NOT A MATTER OF KEEPING OUR PEOPLE SAFE BY SITTING THIS OUT--IT'S A MATTER OF BRINGING EVERYONE TOGETHER... WHILE WE'RE STILL STRONG ENOUGH TO FACE THIS!

YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY HERE!

OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT YOU LET THRAGG GO IN THE FIRST PLACE?!



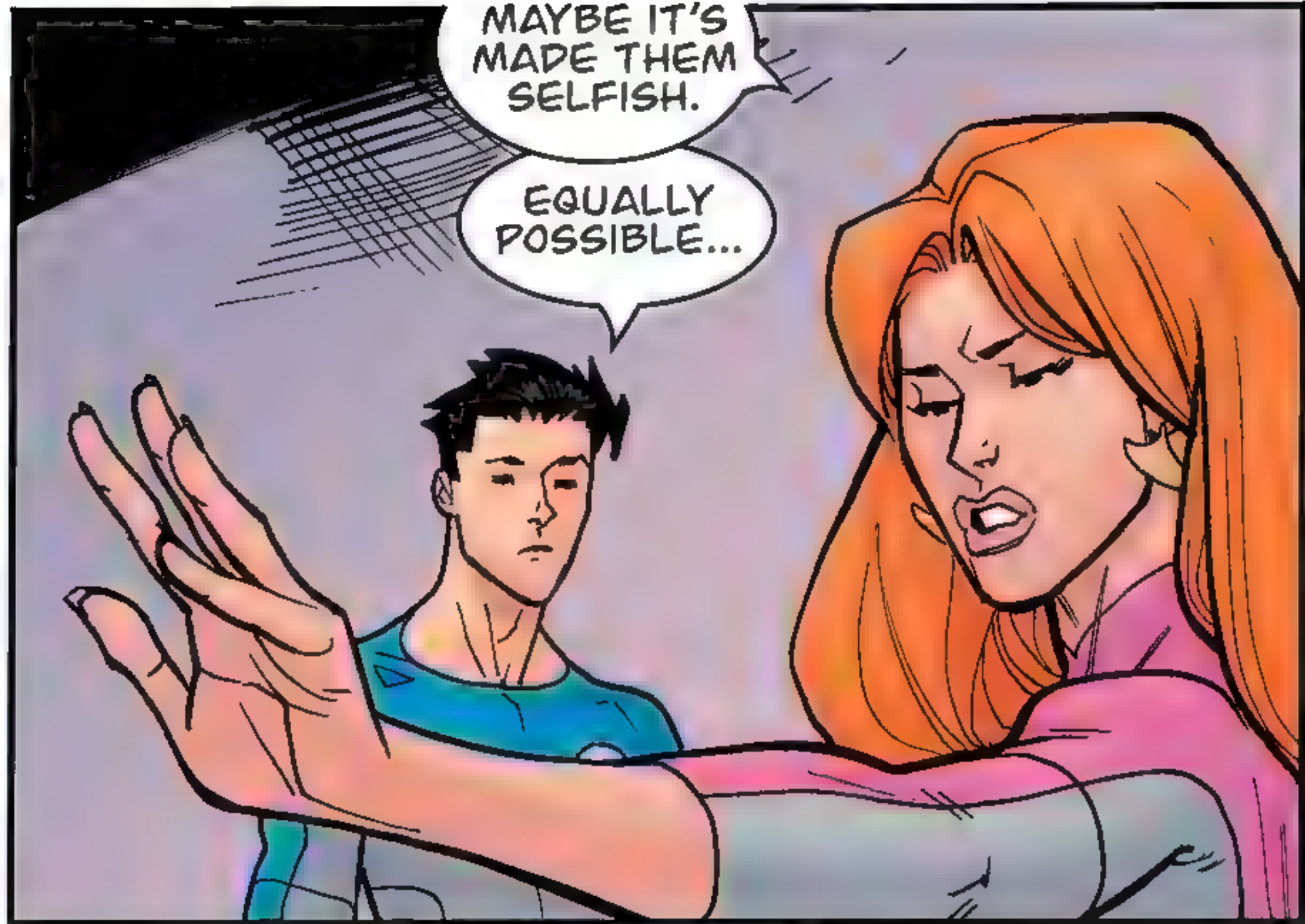


IT'S A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AT LEAST.

BUT HOW MANY VILTRUMITES DO YOU THINK WILL ACTUALLY VOLUNTEER?

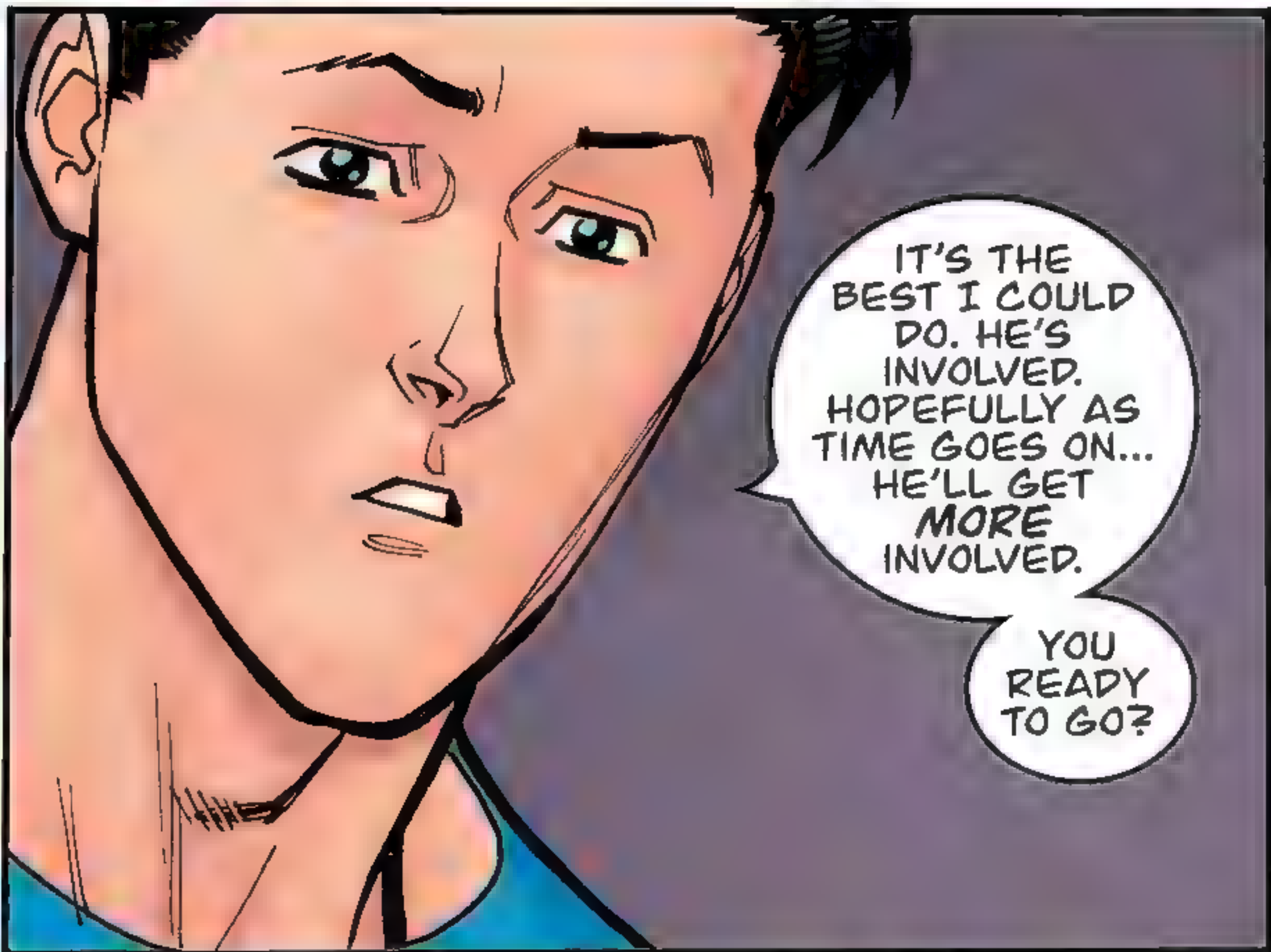
I DON'T KNOW. THEY'VE BUILT LIVES ON EARTH... THEY'VE GROWN. IT'S BEEN ALMOST SIX YEARS THEY'VE BEEN THERE.

MAYBE IT'S CHANGED THEM FOR THE BETTER.



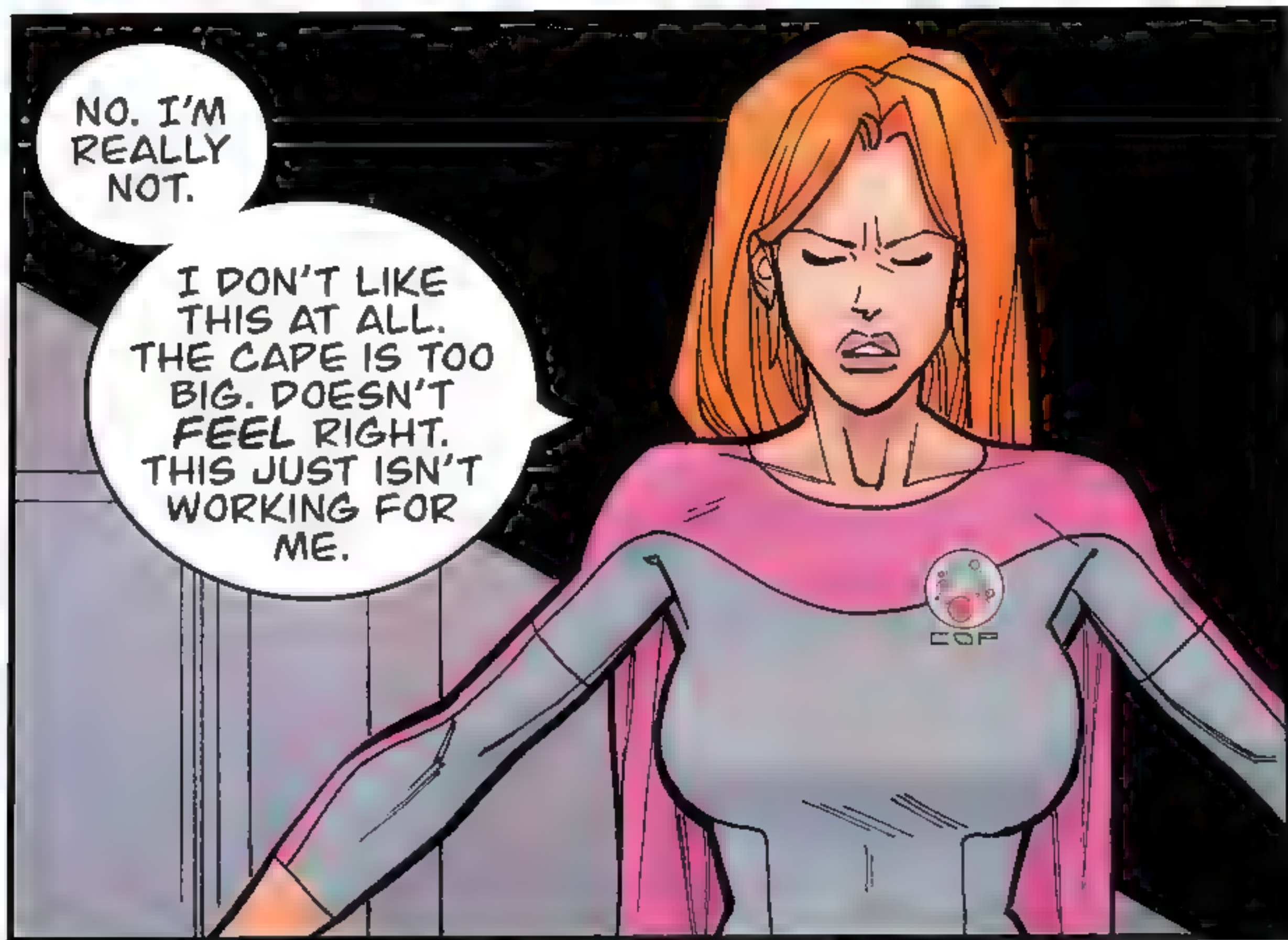
MAYBE IT'S MADE THEM SELFISH.

EQUALLY POSSIBLE...



IT'S THE BEST I COULD DO. HE'S INVOLVED. HOPEFULLY AS TIME GOES ON... HE'LL GET MORE INVOLVED.

YOU READY TO GO?



NO. I'M REALLY NOT.

I DON'T LIKE THIS AT ALL. THE CAPE IS TOO BIG. DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT. THIS JUST ISN'T WORKING FOR ME.

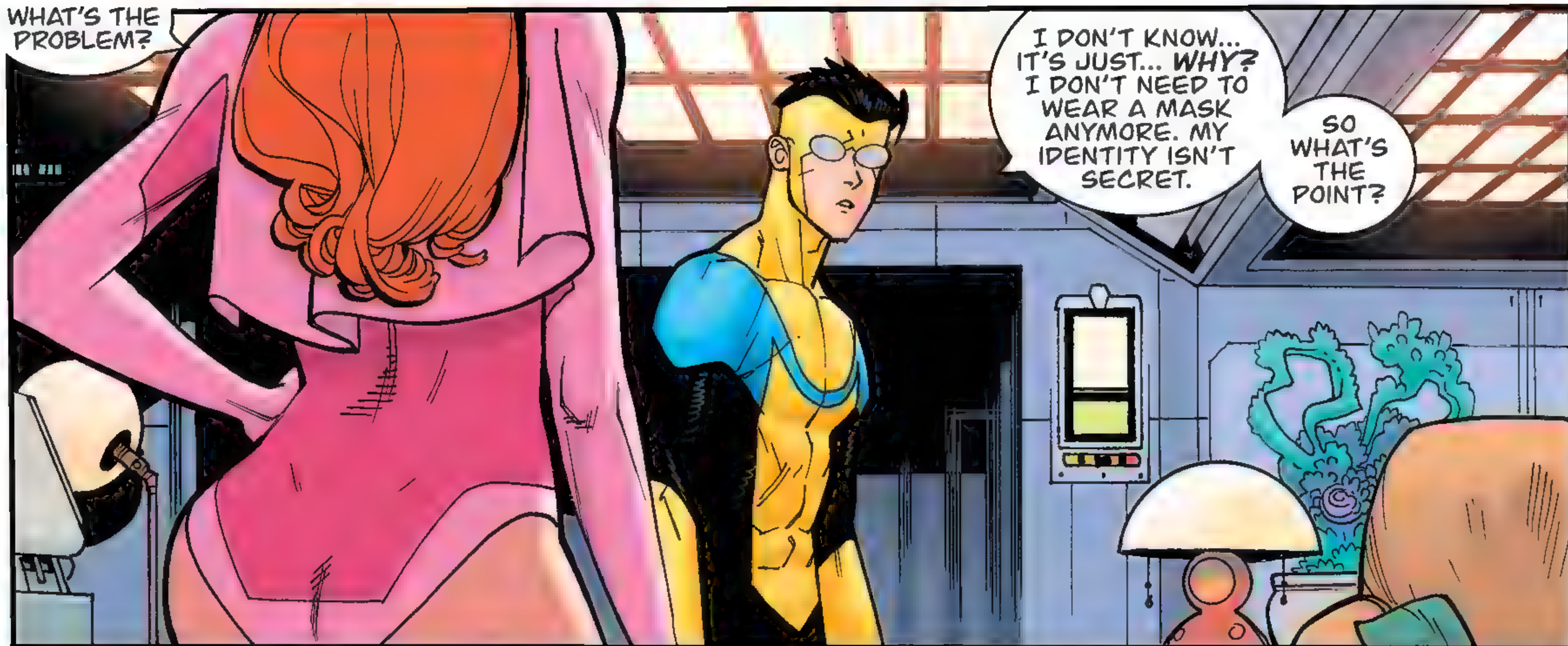


I HAVE A BETTER IDEA.

UH-OH.



WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?



I DON'T KNOW... IT'S JUST... WHY? I DON'T NEED TO WEAR A MASK ANYMORE. MY IDENTITY ISN'T SECRET.

SO WHAT'S THE POINT?

ISN'T "IT LOOKS COOL" ENOUGH?

THE DAMN THING WILL GET RIPPED OFF WITHIN FIVE MINUTES OF YOUR FIRST FIGHT ANYWAY.



FAIR ENOUGH.

FEELS GOOD... ALTHOUGH IT HASN'T BEEN ALL THAT LONG FOR ME.



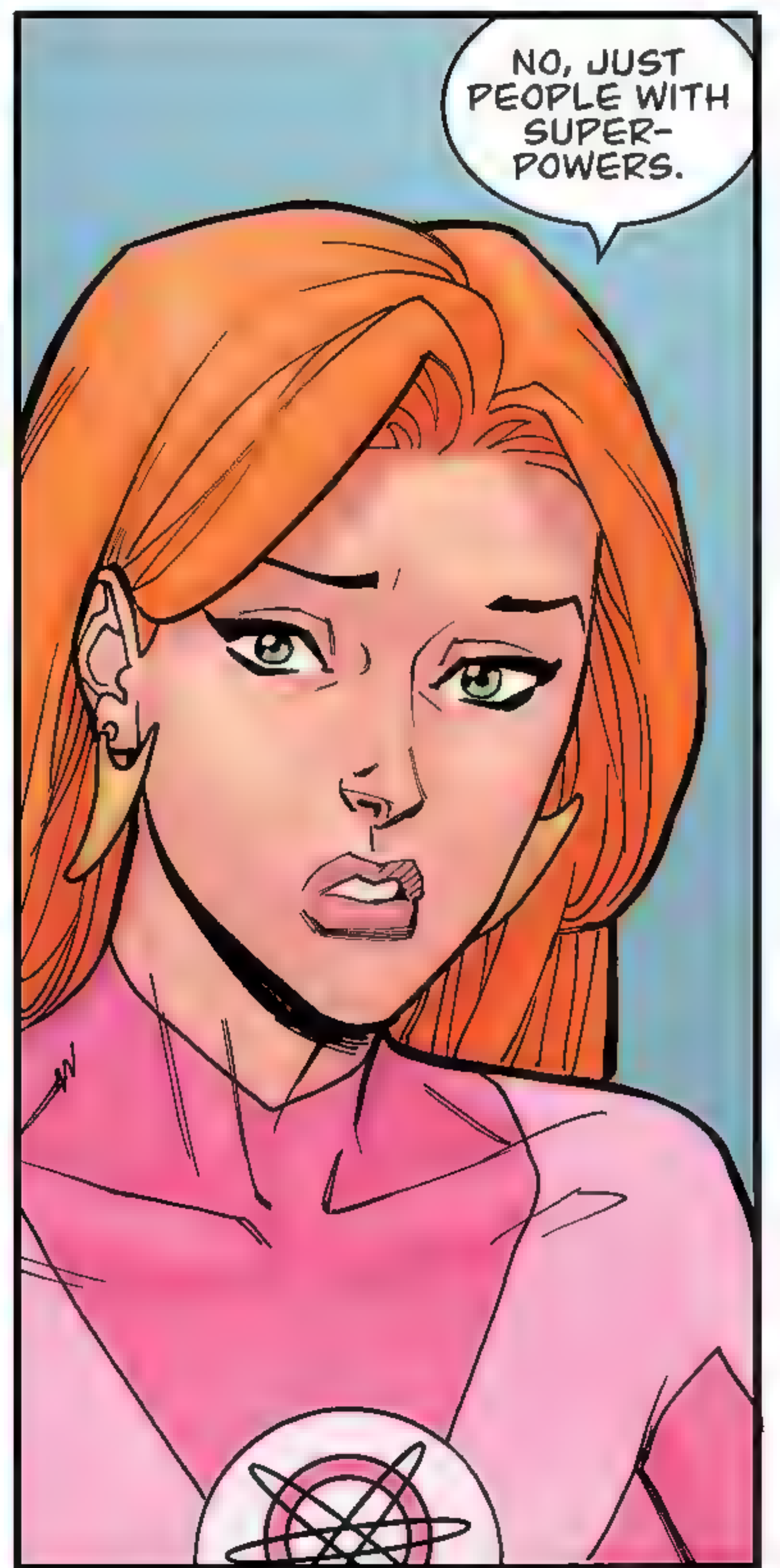
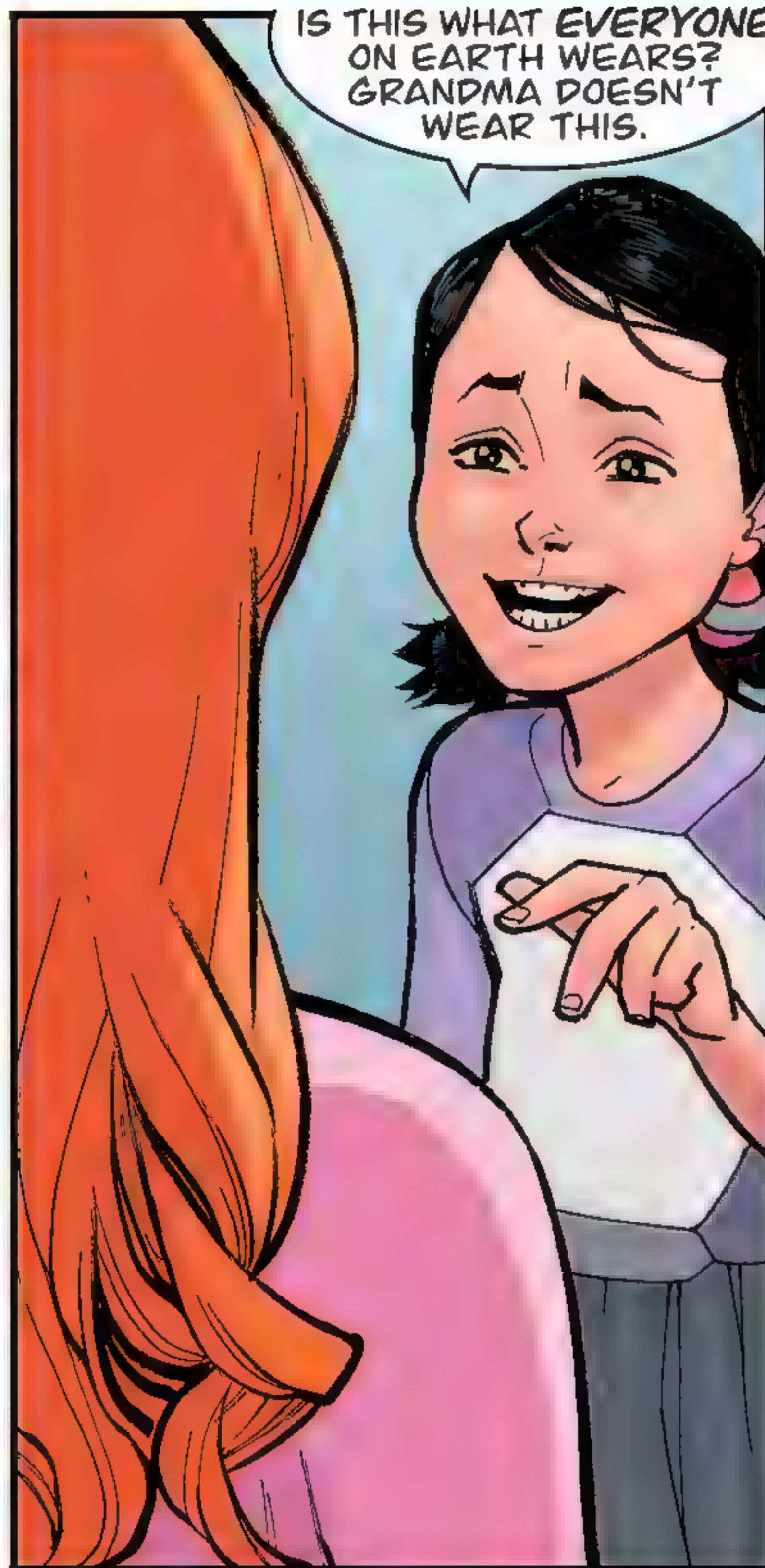
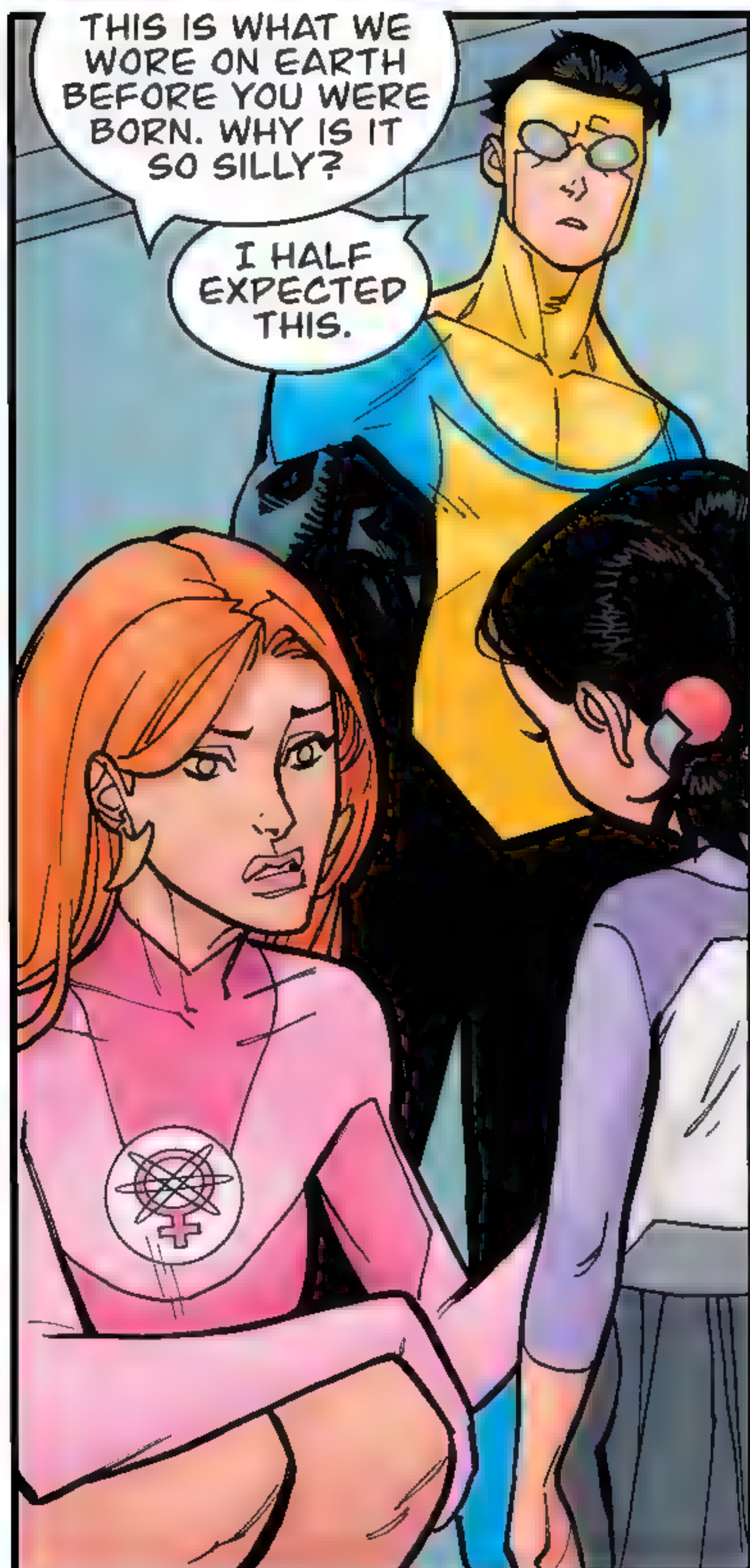
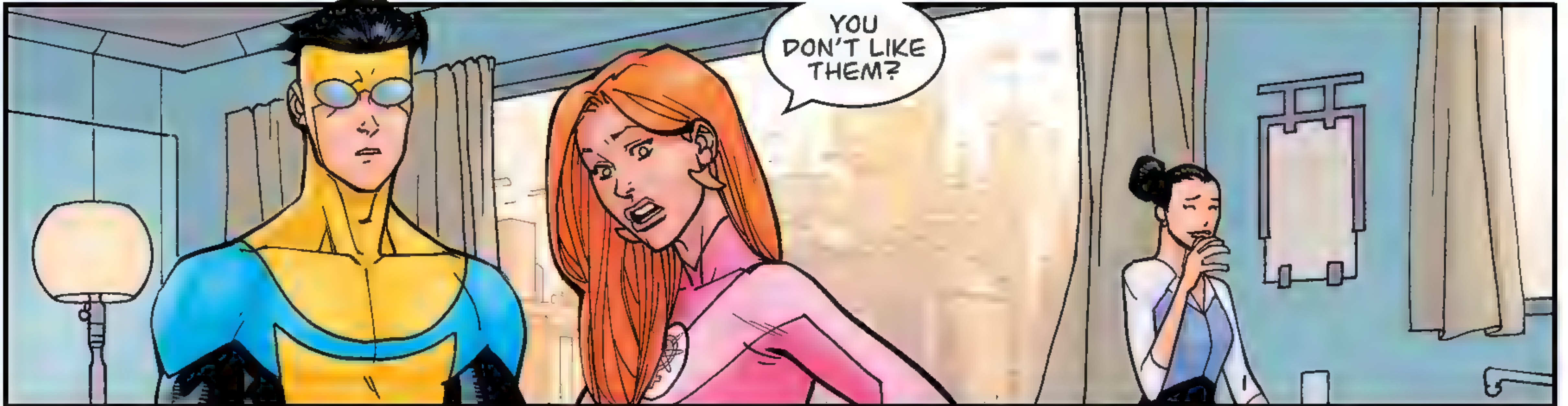
WELL, IT'S BEEN SO LONG FOR ME I'M SURE I GOT SOME OF THE DETAILS WRONG.

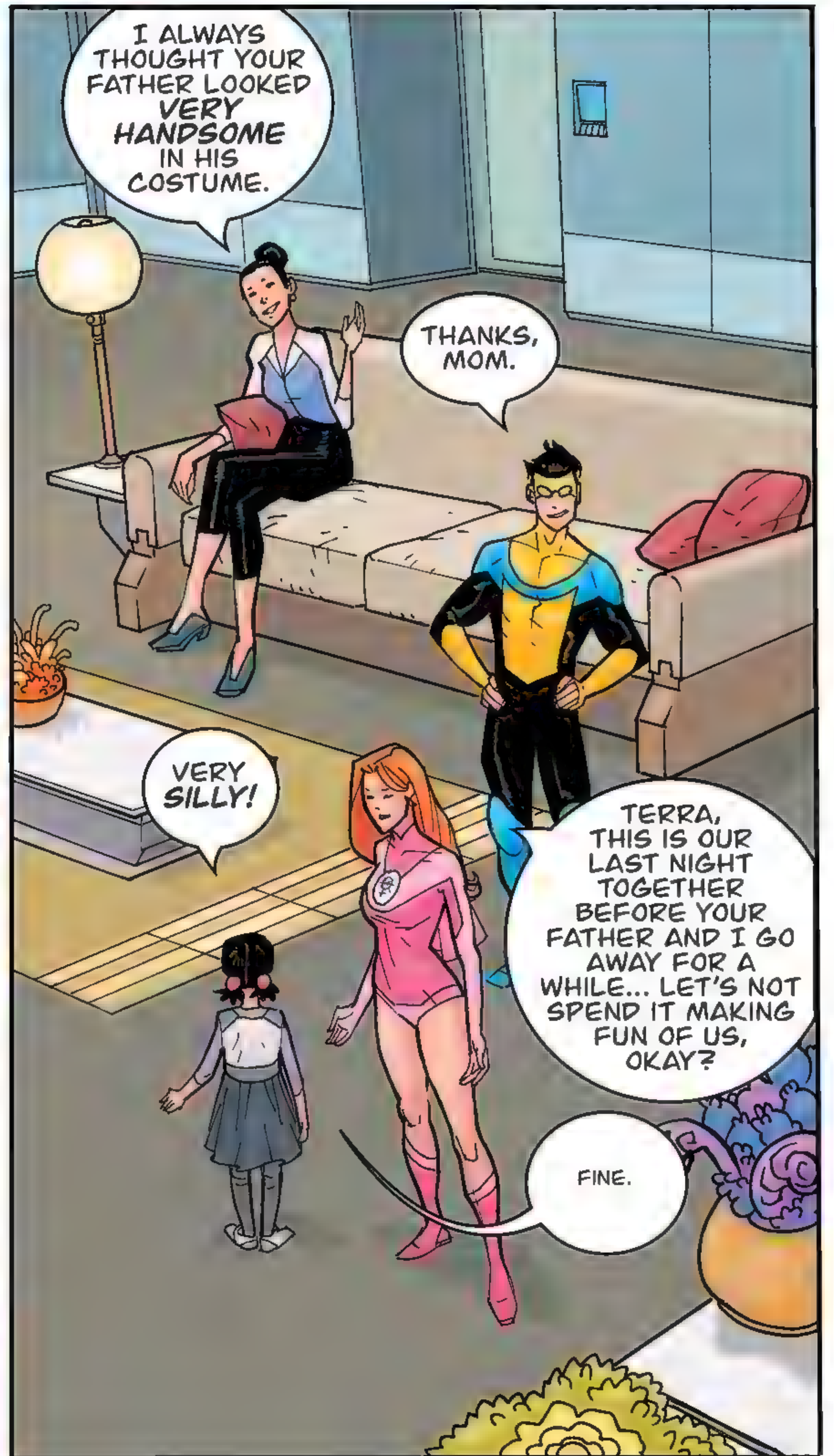
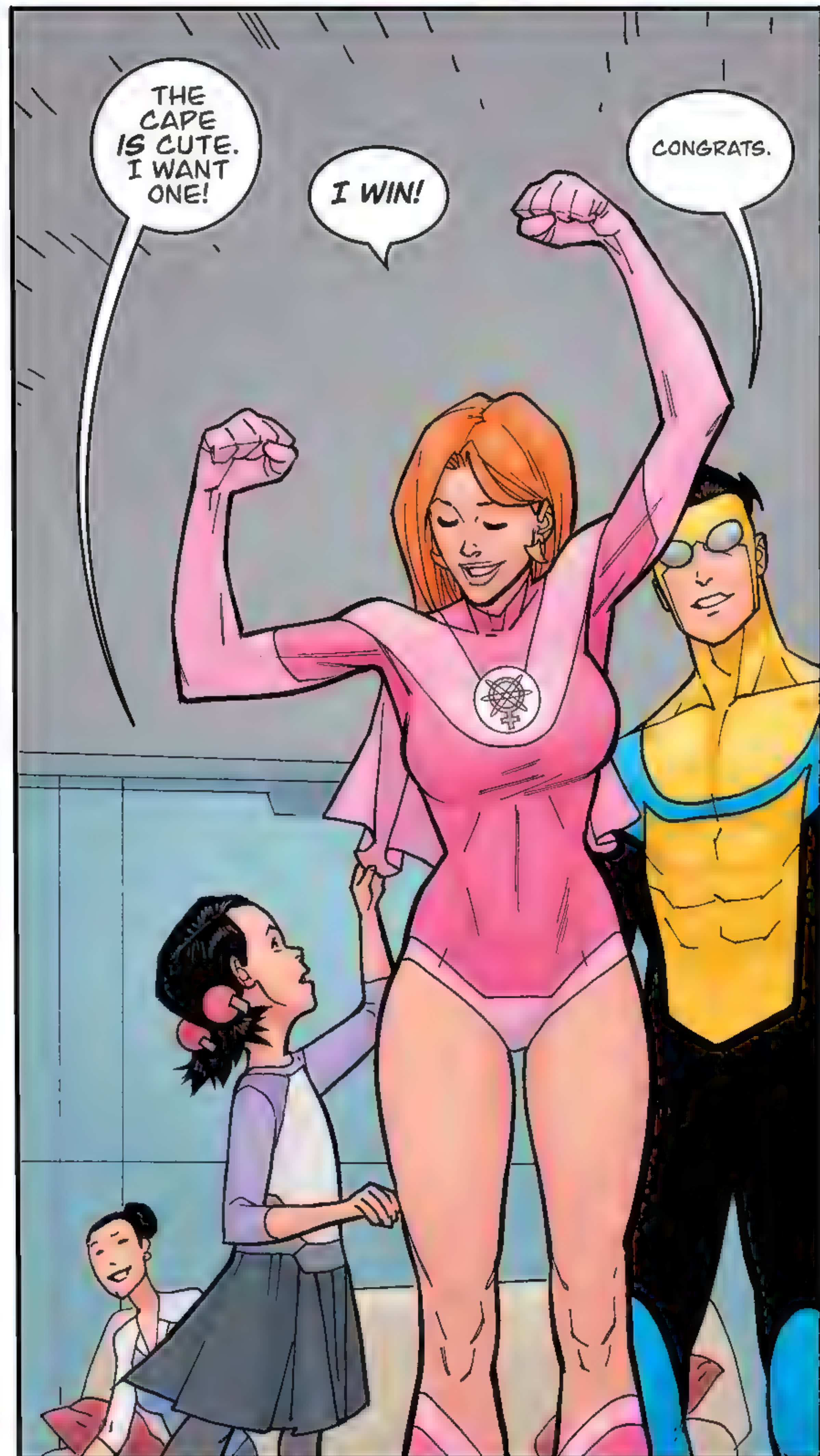
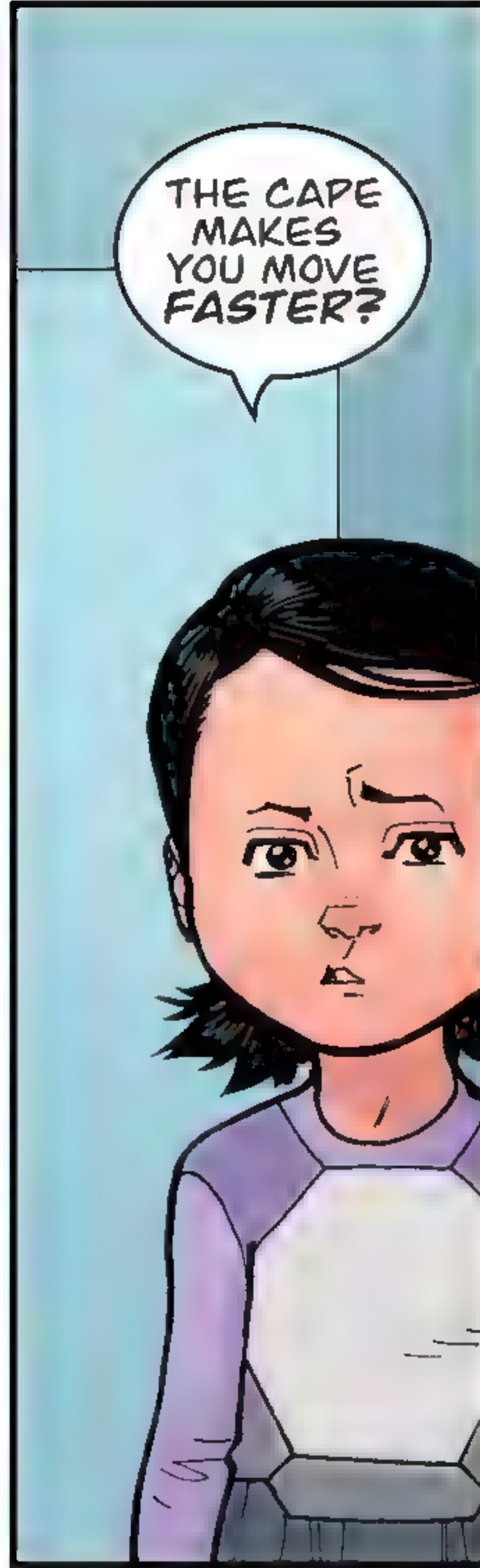
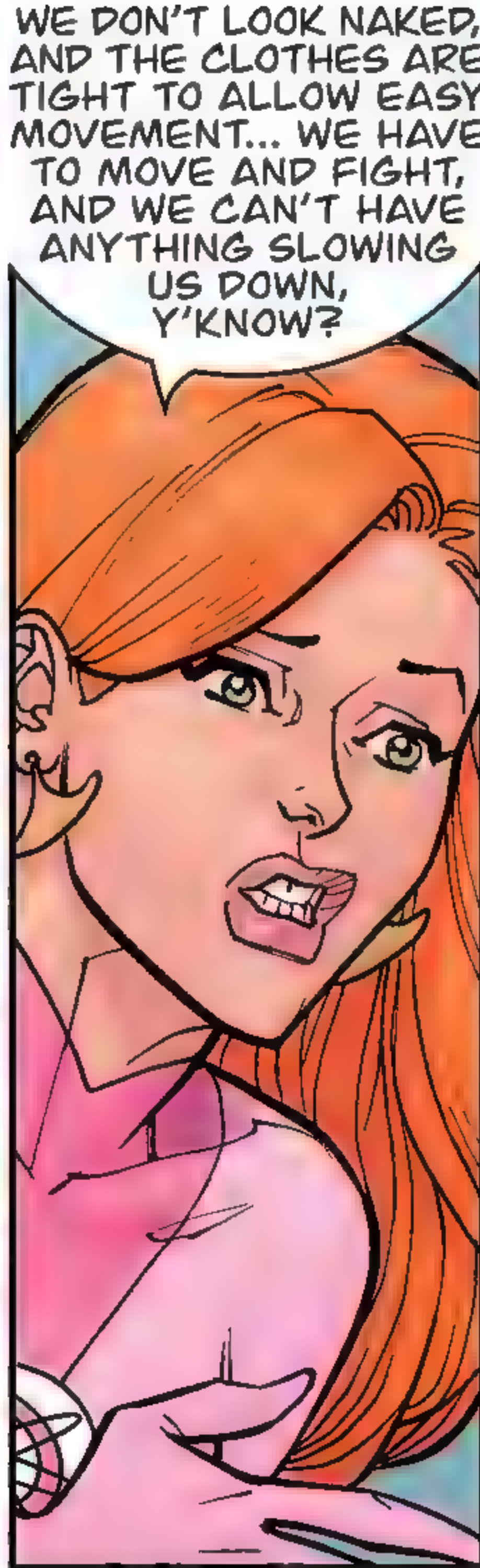
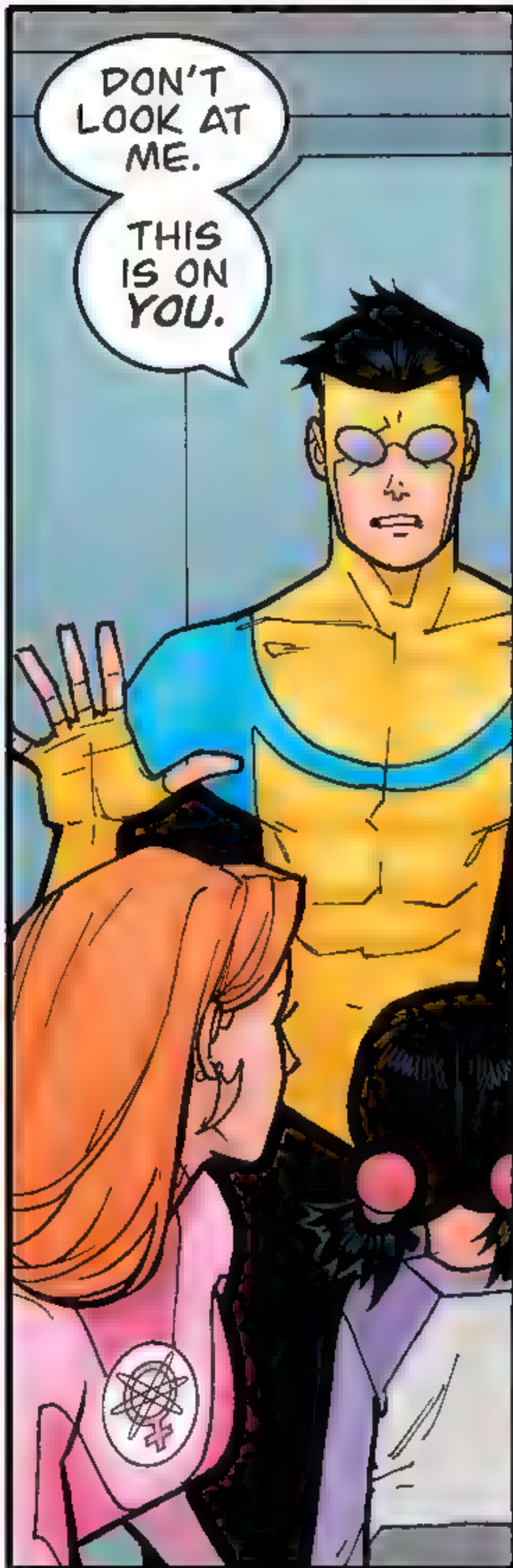


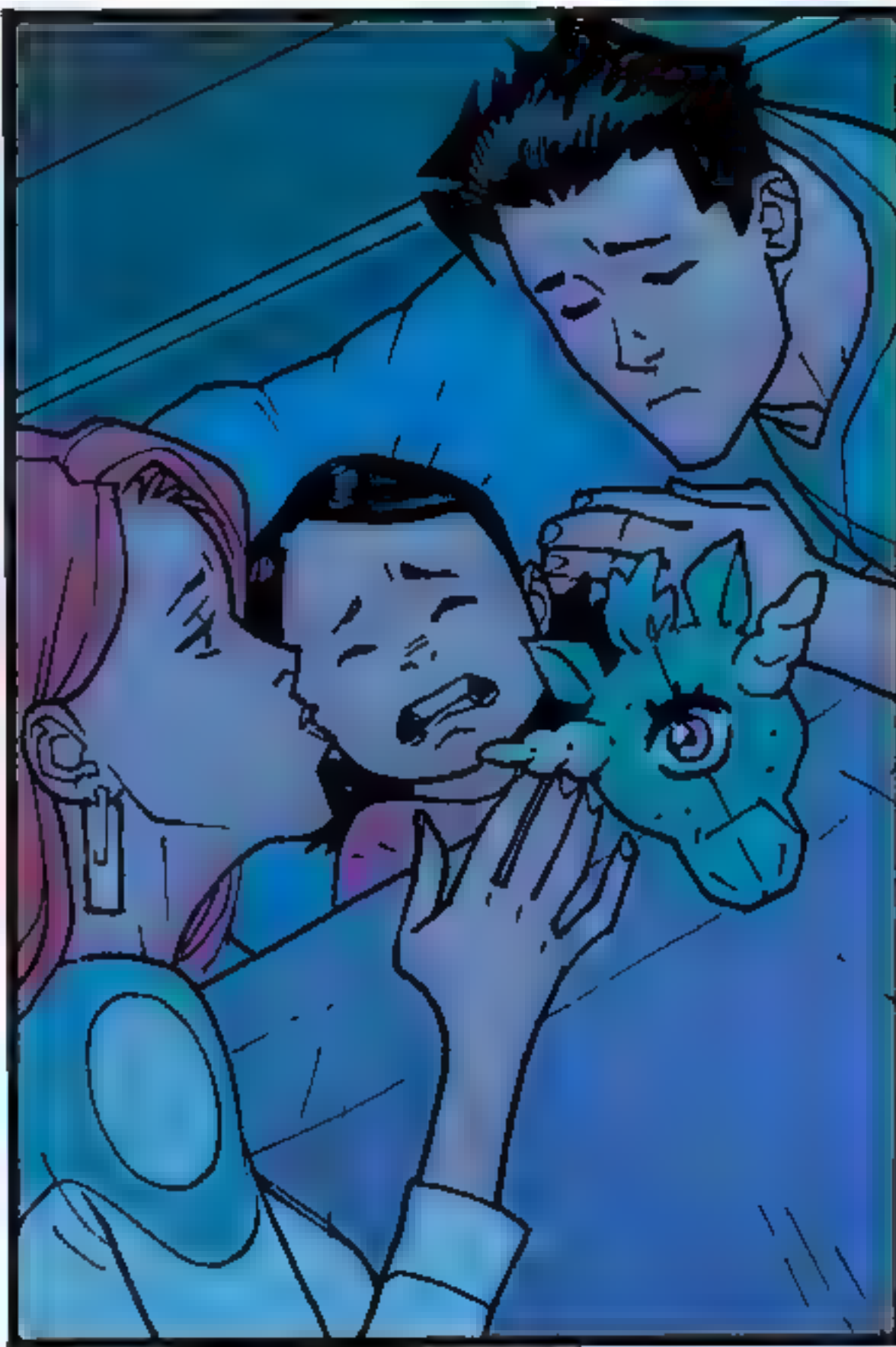
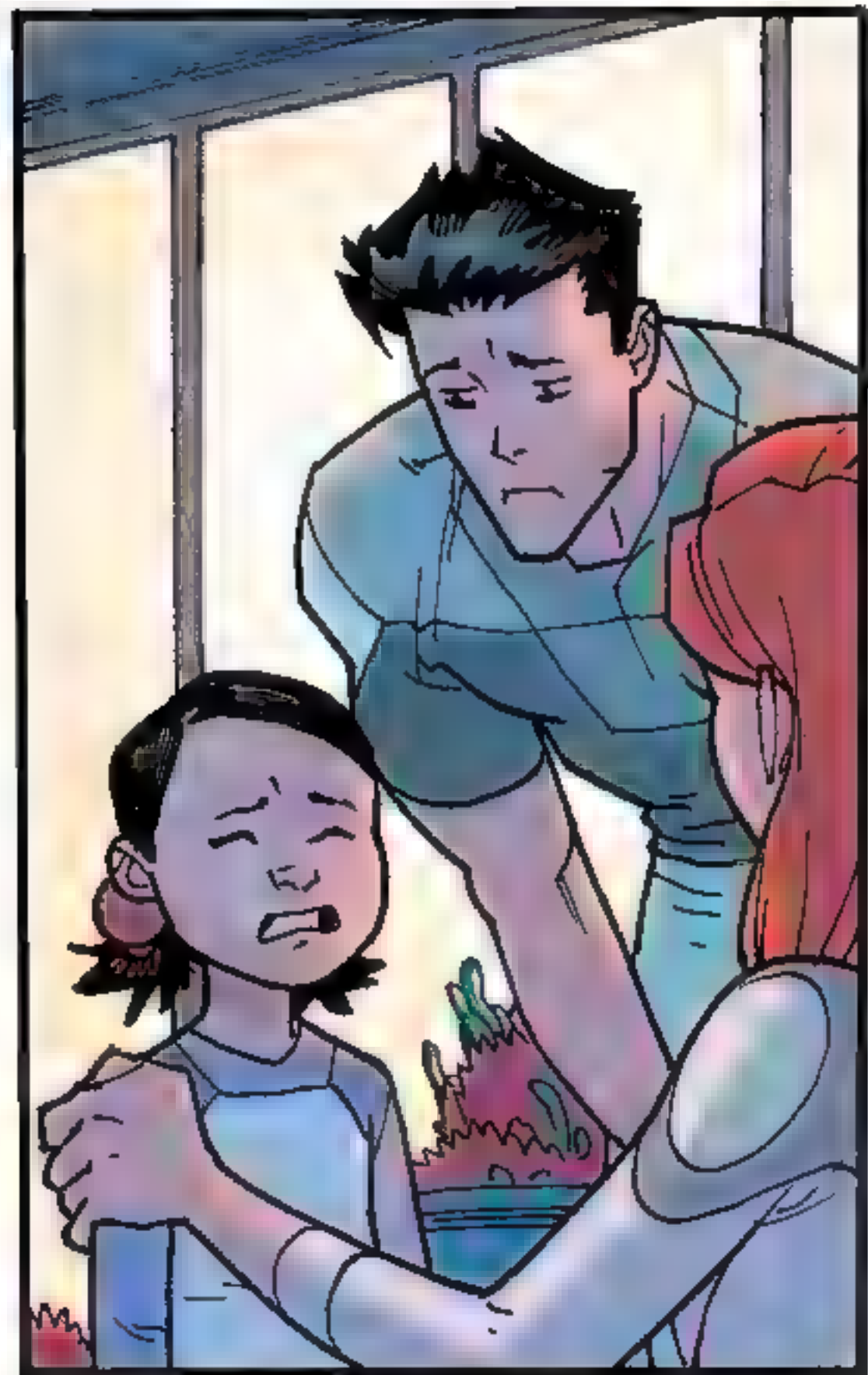
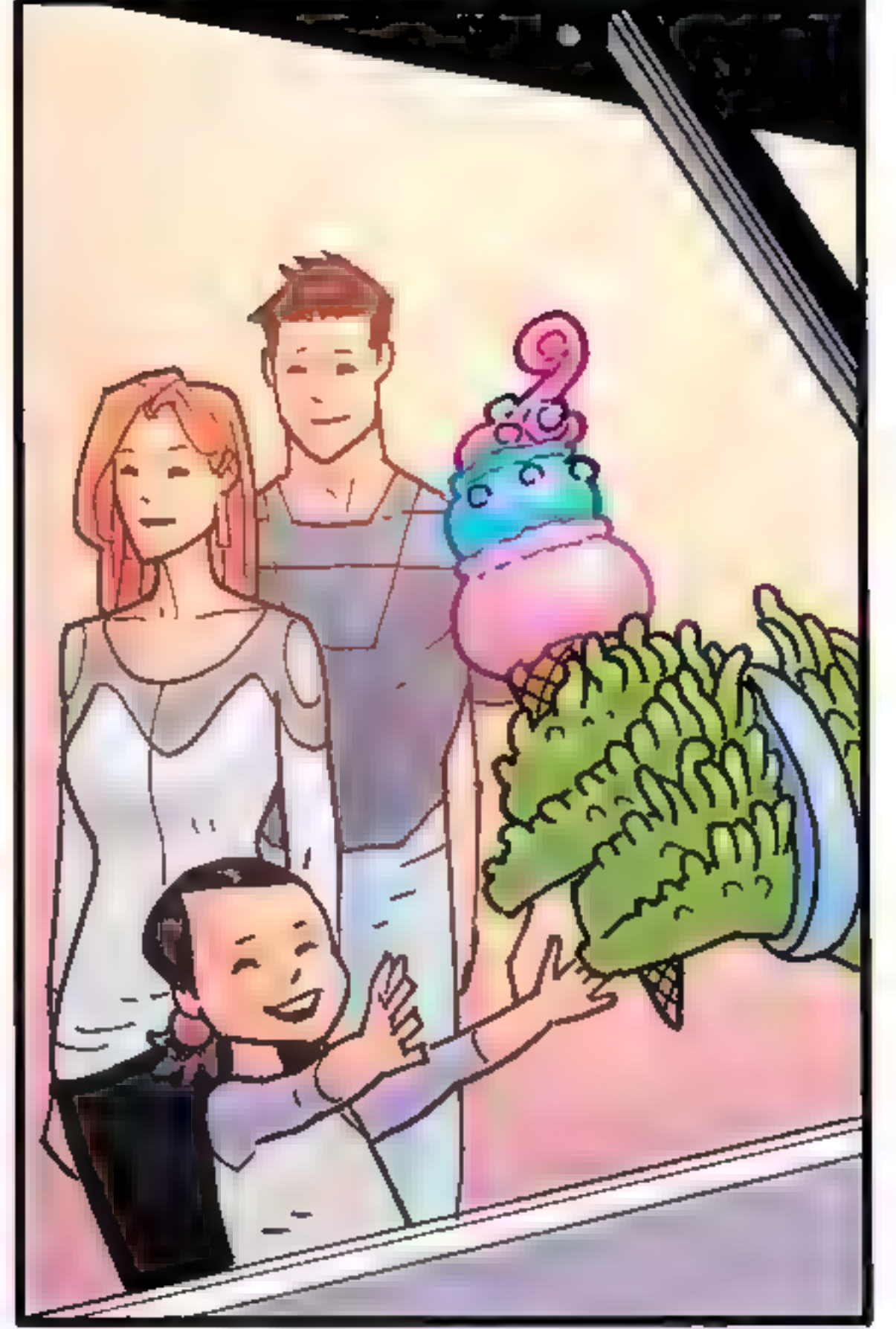
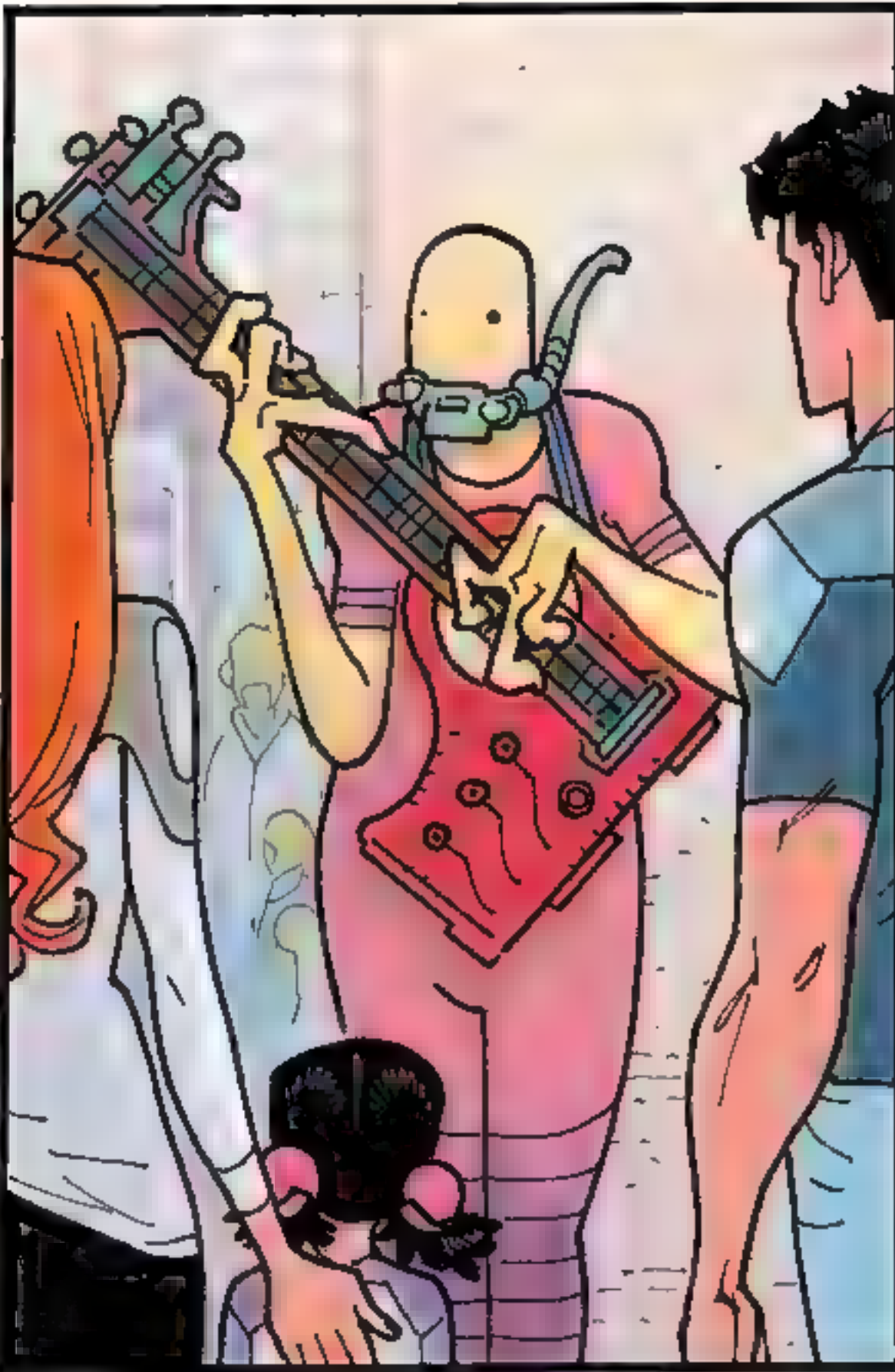
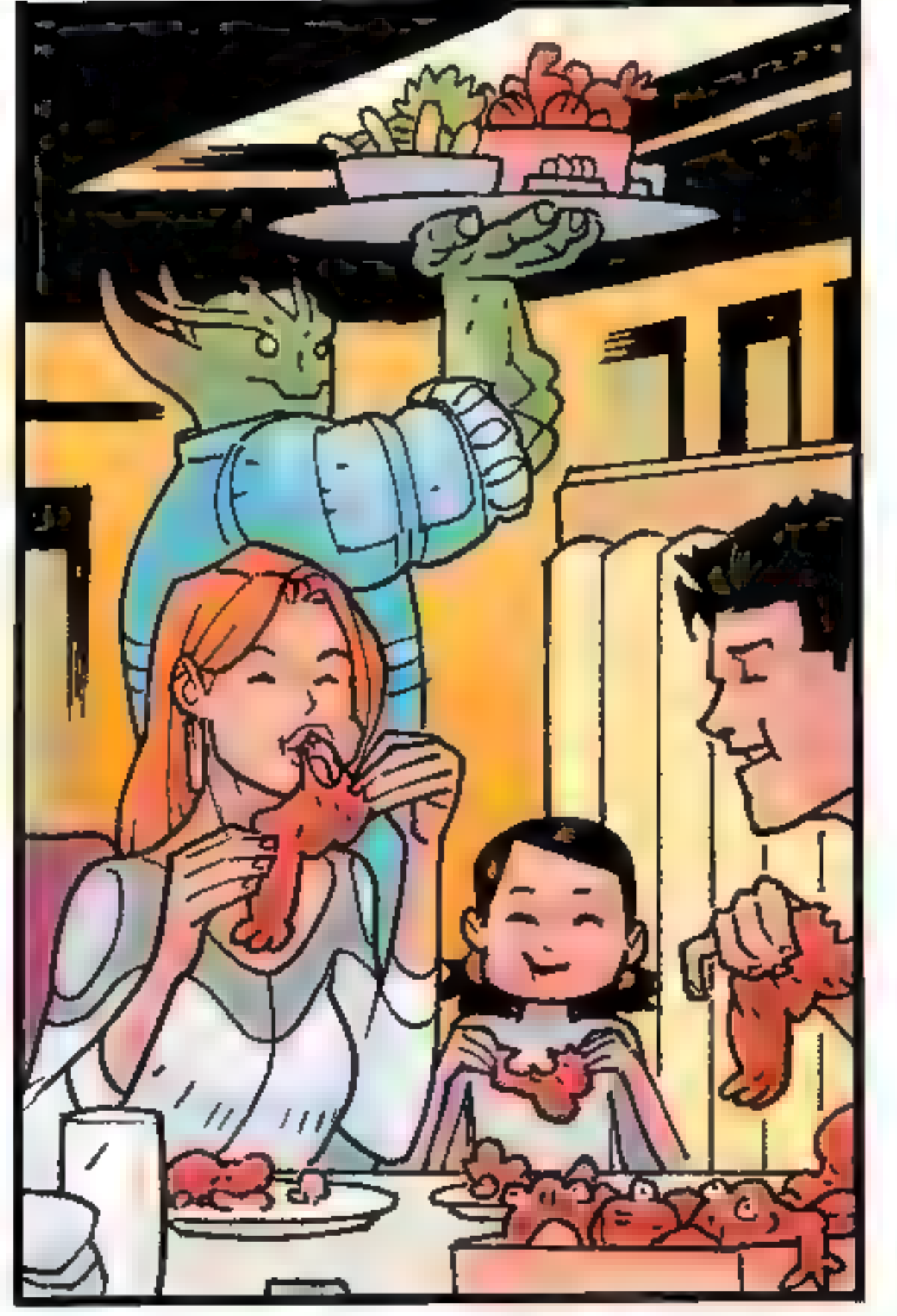
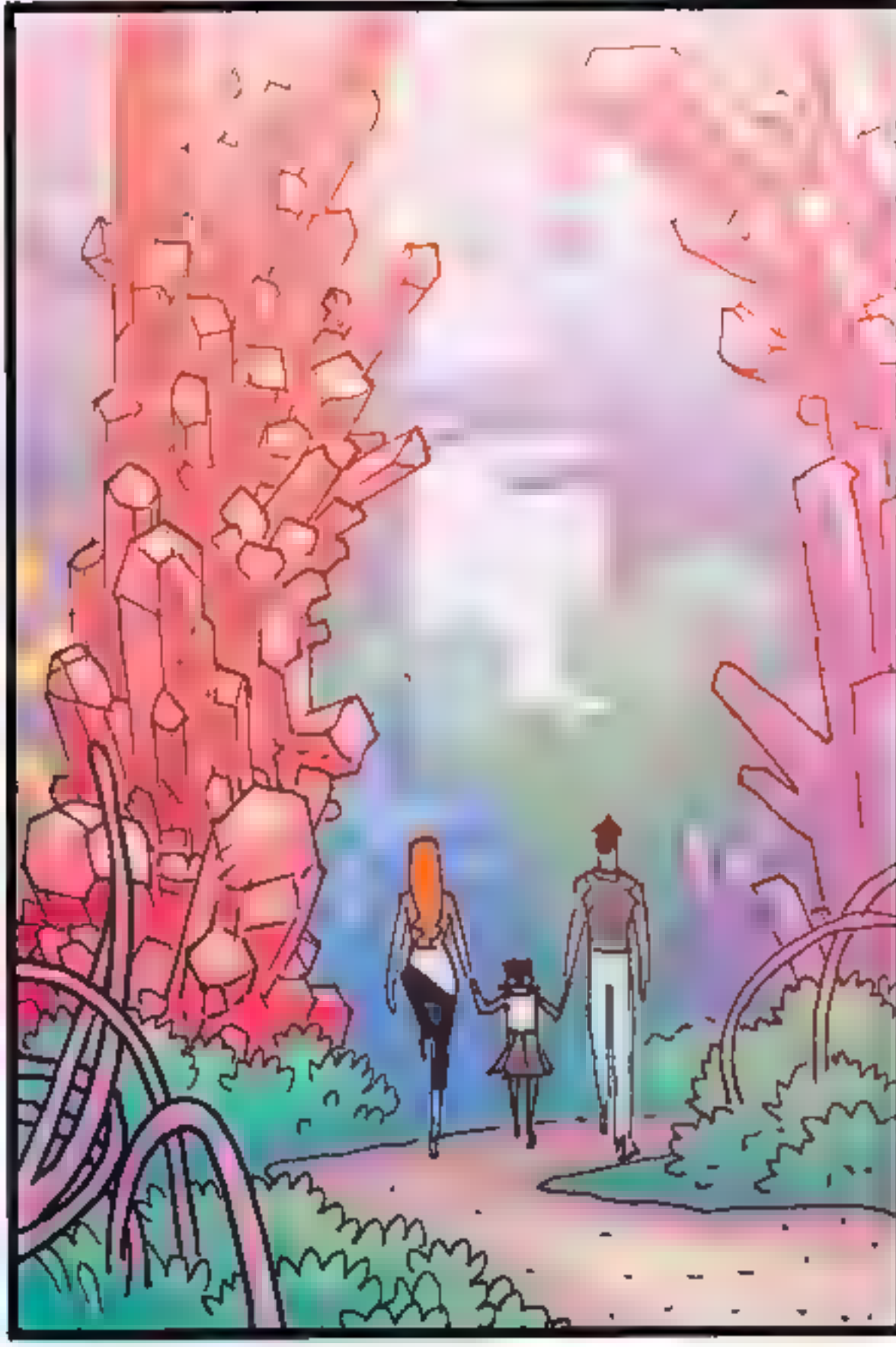
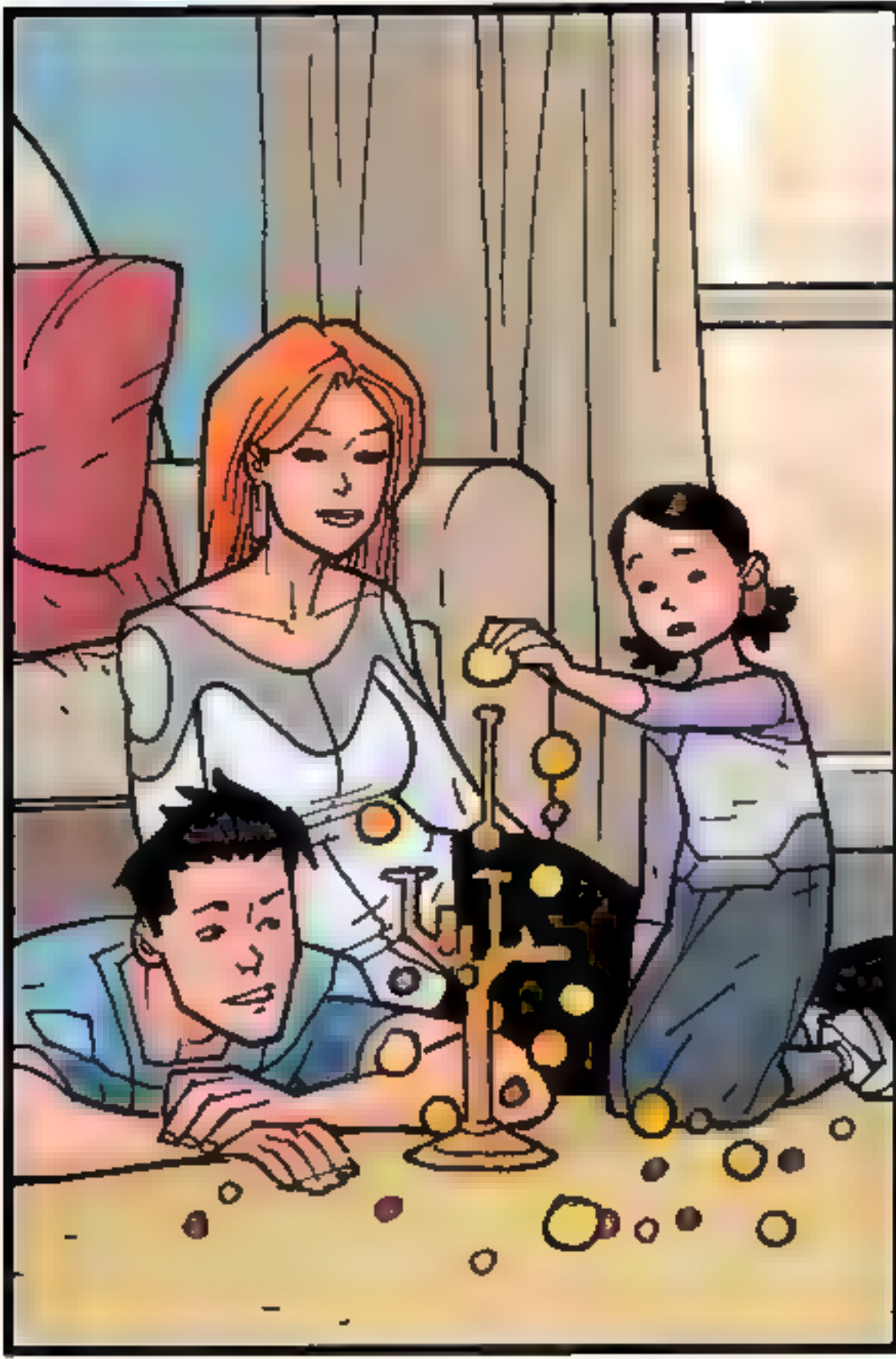
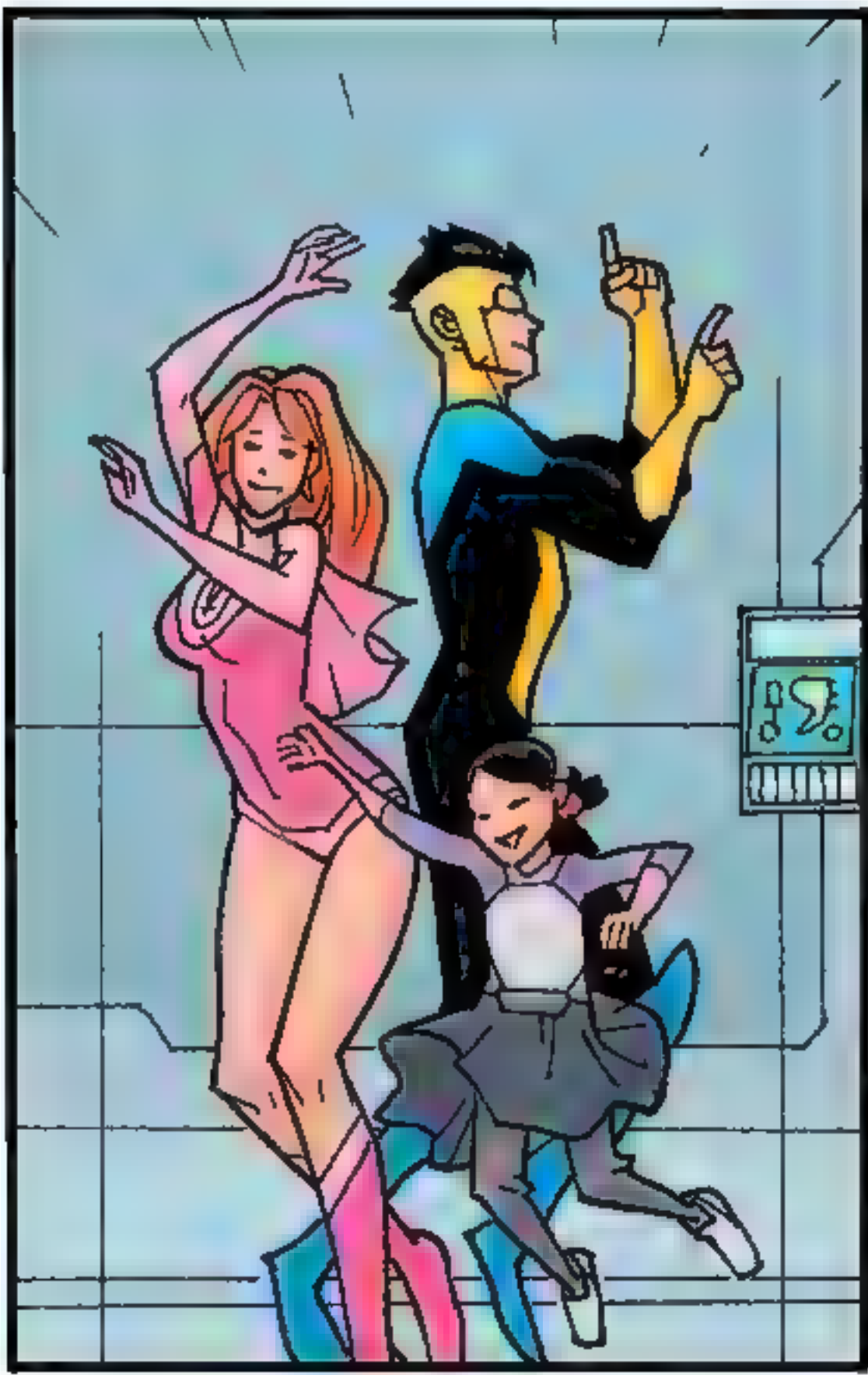
OKAY, LET'S CHECK IN ON THE GIRL.

I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR WHAT SHE THINKS OF THESE COSTUMES.









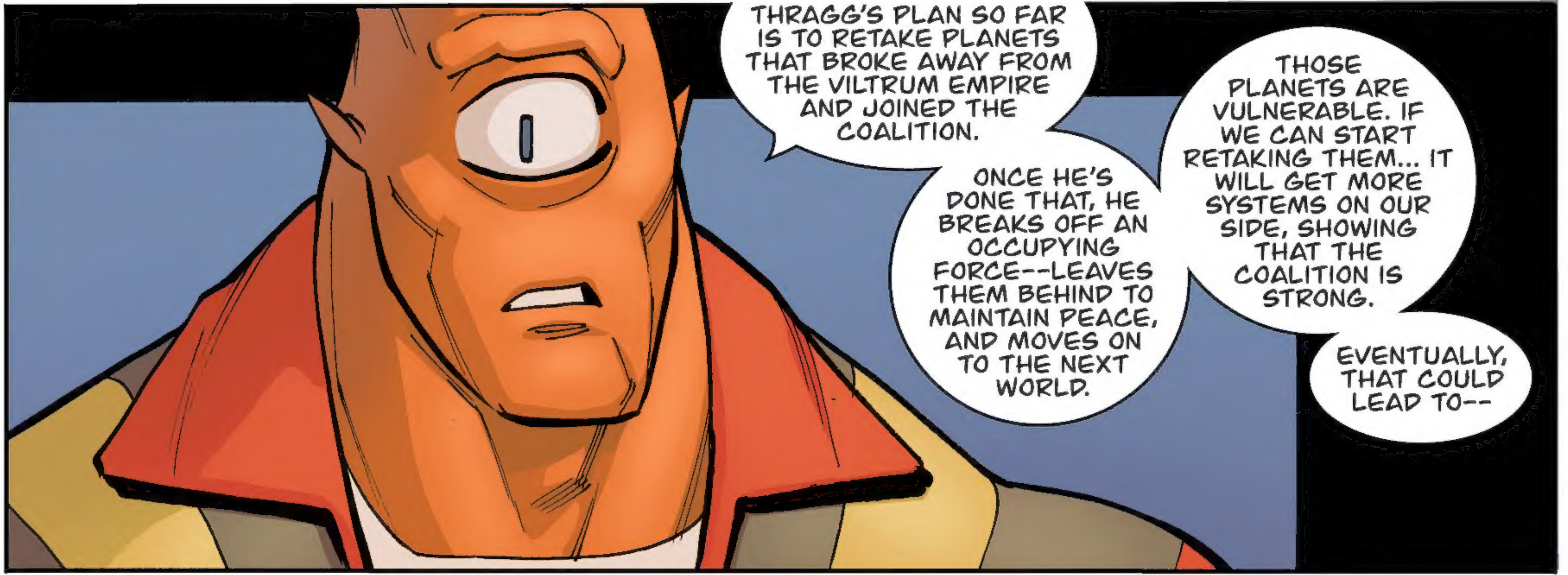
WE NEVER REALLY GOT TO TALK TO HER ABOUT IT. WHAT SHE SAW. SHE WAS THERE WHEN OLIVER WAS... SHE SAW EVERYTHING.

IT HASN'T SEEMED TO AFFECT HER... FOR NOW, AT LEAST. BUT SHE'S GOING TO NEED TO TALK ABOUT IT EVENTUALLY, AND I'M WORRIED THAT WE WON'T BE HERE.

I'VE GOT EVERYTHING COVERED. I CAN HANDLE THIS. TERRA IS **STRONG**. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

SHE'S GOING TO BE FINE. YOU TWO FOCUS ON KEEPING EACH OTHER SAFE. I'VE GOT THIS COVERED.





THRAGG'S PLAN SO FAR IS TO RETAKE PLANETS THAT BROKE AWAY FROM THE VILTRUM EMPIRE AND JOINED THE COALITION.

ONCE HE'S DONE THAT, HE BREAKS OFF AN OCCUPYING FORCE---LEAVES THEM BEHIND TO MAINTAIN PEACE, AND MOVES ON TO THE NEXT WORLD.

THOSE PLANETS ARE VULNERABLE. IF WE CAN START RETAKING THEM... IT WILL GET MORE SYSTEMS ON OUR SIDE, SHOWING THAT THE COALITION IS STRONG.

EVENTUALLY, THAT COULD LEAD TO---



I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT...

I MIGHT HAVE A BETTER IDEA.

LETTERS

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I love it when a plan comes together! I mean, look at that line-up: Mark, Eve, Allen, Nolan, Space Racer and Thresha!? Shit's about to go down.

And speaking of shit going down... you've waited patiently for the past 14 years, and now we've finally done it: an Invincible action figure, lovingly crafted by McFarlane Toys! And if that wasn't enough, there's a super bloody version of it that's insane. INSANE. We debuted them at ECCC this month, and now they're available for purchase online at store.skybound.com.

There's also ANOTHER version of this figure out there lurking. I'd be on the lookout for an announcement involving Skybound's MEGABOX that will bring a smile to all the Invincifan faces. As I type this... that announcement may have already been made, so who knows, check www.skybound.com often!

Dear Robert,

It feels like we're old friends, you and I, having followed Mark from his adventures as a burger boy to teen superhero to the man he is today. And like the visceral action throughout the series you manage to rip out my internal organs again and again.

But my god, bringing Eve back from near death once again, you made me want to punch a librarian with joy! But with the stories wrapping up, will we ever see more of Dropkick and Fightmaster (they must've been The Immortal's kids I thought at the time). PLEASE KIRKMAN, WE NEED CLOSURE!

With the series ending, I have to just come out and say (because I have seen some speculation online) that there are things in this series that the fans consider loose ends, that I DO NOT consider loose ends. So, in that respect, there will be some plot threads that will not get touched upon before the end of the series. Like, for instance, do we need to see Universa again? I loved her, you loved her... but her story is kind of told. ALL THAT SAID, I think there are a lot of exciting surprises in store, and there are definitely some things that will come back and be dealt with that you won't be expecting. So... there's a lot to look forward to... but I may not be providing closure to each and every little thing.

Fuck I hope we get to see Allen kick the ever-loving shit out of those bastard Viltrumite scum. Let them die in the most painful of ways.

Kind regards, Wade McDonough.

P.S. Please feel free to censor this message if you need.

You will get to see Allen kick some ass in the coming issues, that's for sure.

And do we edit mail these days? I know we have in the past...

Recently started catching back up after a long absence (I know, I suck). Needless to say the last several issues were a bit of an emotional roller-coaster. And then I picked up issue #132...

As if I didn't already have enough reasons to hate Thragg...

I just...

...can't even...

Seriously one of the most intense issues of a comic I've ever read! I half expected it to end with Mark and Eve dead (looking at you Kirkman), but was beyond relieved to see that you weren't going to pull another Judy Grimes moment.

This series has been stellar from the get go and a much needed escape from the current political climate. Although I'm somewhat sad that the series is coming to an end, I'm absolutely thrilled it's ending on your terms. Those last 12 issues can't get here fast enough!

- Erik

Only 10 more left now! It's going TOO fast. Buy an Invincible action figure to console yourself with.

Yes, please do that so we can do many more Invincible action figures!

Robert,

Still great stuff!! Best comic I read today. Talk about an action comic, this...ever think of writing Superman one day?

Cheers,

Andrew J. Shaw

Is this the last Shaw letter we ever run in INVINCIBLE? Who knows?! I hope so!

Weirdly complimentary letter, Mr. Shaw! Although... is implying that writing a Superman comic being a step up some kind of slam? Am I just underestimating your insult game? If so... I'm impressed! No, I have no plans of ever writing a Superman comic, because I prefer writing comics people actually like to read. No offense to the teams currently working on all those Superman comics DC is publishing, but come on--you know you guys would rather be doing almost anything else! I'm looking at you, Gleason! You're wasted over there! Come to Image, do something cool!

There are only 10 issues of INVINCIBLE left. The blood starts flowing next issue.

-Sean Mackiewicz

It's going to be great! See you then!

-Robert Kirkman

NEXT ISSUE



"THE END OF ALL THINGS," Part 3
The march to the end continues! War begins! Thragg and his forces continue to conquer world after world as they rebuild the Viltrum Empire. Mark and his allies launch an assault in hopes of bringing a swift end to this conflict.

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